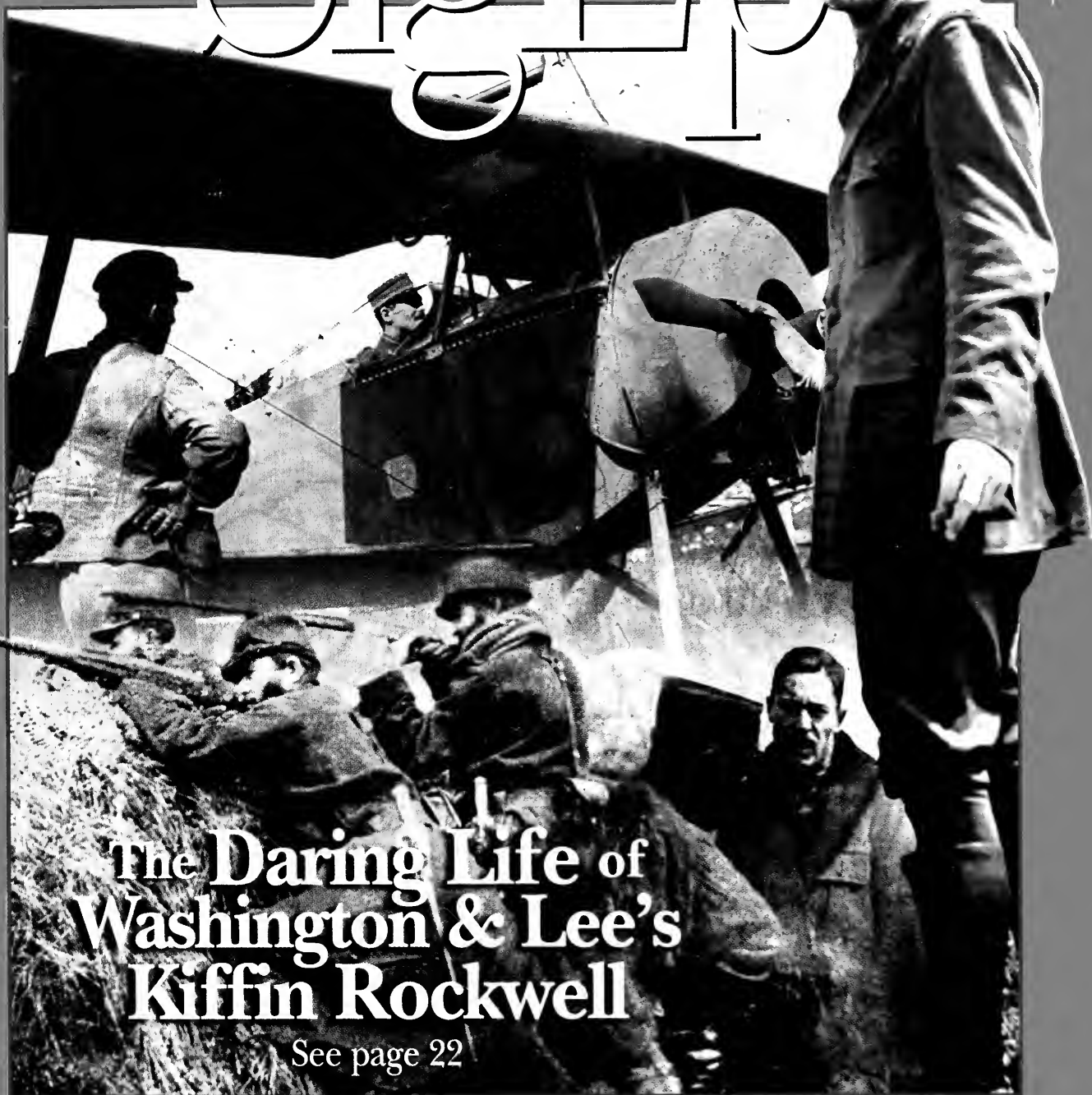


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## The Daring Life of Washington & Lee's Kiffin Rockwell

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**"Courage is the virtue that makes all other virtues possible."**

— Aristotle

Recently, I received a letter from **Burton W. Schwartz, M.D.**, who was initiated by the Texas Gamma Chapter at Texas Christian University. He described the Epsilon Rite of Passage as "one of the most moving experiences of my life..." Regarding what to be called, he wrote, "So, when Bill Patten, the chapter adviser, asked me what I wanted to be called and listed as, I said that I did not feel

## We Hail Thee Brother, the Renaissance of Brotherhood

Dear Brothers and Friends of Sigma Phi Epsilon:

The Renaissance of Brotherhood seems to receive attention for awhile from the Fraternity and then drops from view. We need to move it front and center and keep it there. Some of our most noted Brothers have been Renaissance. One of our Order of the Golden Heart recipients, **Mitch Crane**, is a Renaissance Brother, and few have given more of themselves to SigEp undergraduates than Mitch. I encourage you to write to the Editor of *The Journal* with the names of and information about other Renaissance Brothers to lend credence to the need for our chapters to seek out men who have lived the Fraternity's principles in their lives.

'honorary' or 'Renaissance.' My email pen friend, **Bill Tragos**, said, 'You are a Brother...that's what they should call you!!!' And so I am and so I feel."

Already Dr. Schwartz has been tapped to speak at several EDGE camps in the Fall. He asked to pay dues (not a requirement) to the chapter, but wants that money to go toward sending more members to Conclave.

Perhaps the most important part of his letter for undergraduates to consider is at the end, where he writes, "...I have been a Sigma Phi Epsilon all my life...and just did not know it. Now, I really am."

Undergraduate chapters may say that they don't want to initiate anyone as a Renaissance Brother because "he hasn't been through what we have." But he has; he has been through life and he has much to share with our undergraduates. Many potential Renaissance Brothers were actually pledges of the Fraternity years ago, but for reasons of finance, grades or, God forgive us, that horrible blackball system of the dark ages, were not able to "go active."

Encourage your chapter to consider Renaissance. Give it names of potential initiates. Undergraduates and AVC members, talk about this. We will all benefit.

Faternally,

Archer L. Yeatts, III  
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Renaissance of Brotherhood—a look at the history  
of the ceremony and its impact on our Fraternity.

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# Letters to the Editor

COMMENTARY FROM YOUR BROTHERS

## Syracuse Mural Mysteries

I pledged the New York Alpha Chapter in the Fall of 1951 and recall that the mural in the "Game Room" had not been completed at that time. It may have been completed in 1952. Some of the people who worked on the mural were **Rick Morgan, '54**, and **Paul Frahm, '56**, if my memory serves. I served as Comptroller in '53-'54. I really enjoyed this edition of *The Journal*—seeing mention of New York Alpha brought back fond memories.

**Vic Methe,  
Syracuse '54**

I am a SigEp graduated from Syracuse University in 1952. The mural you refer to in the Summer, 2006, *Journal* on the basement walls in the chapter house at 310 Walnut Place was undoubtedly the work of **George Marsden, '51**. He was enrolled in the School of Architecture and was the creator of all SigEp ice sculptors, posters and floats around 1950. He was a genius!

My only limited claim to fame at SigEp and SU was being song leader. I was captain of the 1952 SU golf team, and the tenant of the private study room built in the pantry off the kitchen. Best of all, I married Lucille Krayenhof, a Kappa Alpha Theta two doors away, in 1953.

Good luck in your efforts to preserve this work, and I hope my comments contribute to the heritage of the house at 310.

**Edgar A. Roll,  
Syracuse '52**

## Remembering William Wood

At the end of the Spring, 2006, *Journal*, I stopped to remember a Great American, Colonel **William W. Wood, Florida State '84**. The sight of his name brings back the numerous memories of serving with him in Iraq. I was fortunate not only to meet him but serve as his Task Force Operations Officer. Colonel Wood assumed command of our infantry battalion to transform and heal a unit who had suffered multiple casualties in South Baghdad. I witnessed the immediate impact that one person

could have on a Task Force comprised of 800-plus soldiers. His professionalism, character and sheer presence raised the level of performance of each individual.

I talked at length with Colonel Wood daily, realizing that he was more than just my commander but a mentor, a coach and an example to aspire to. He represented all that is common in an American Patriot. Colonel Wood exemplified living life with passion through his faith in God, his family, his country, his care for soldiers, the military and even his alma mater. I could write pages about our missions together (training and operating with the Iraqi Security Forces, facilitating Iraqis democratically voting for the first time, providing humanitarian support to the poverty stricken areas, handing Beanie Babies and candy to Iraqi children, etc.), but one image never changes. I will forever see a truly Balanced Man.

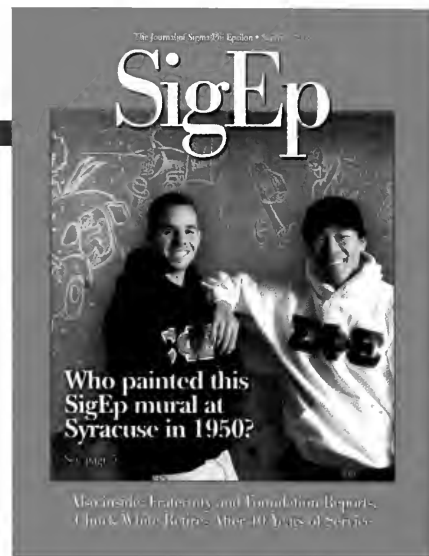
**Nick Ducich,  
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo '91**

## Four Generations of Reeves: A 90-Year Legacy at Kansas State

I had to respond to the Summer issue of the SigEp *Journal* and the article about the Lyle Legacy. My son, **Justin Reeve, '10**, has just gone off to college at Kansas State University, and he also follows a wonderful legacy with the SigEps there. Not only is he a fourth generation SigEp at Kansas State, but what's great about the whole thing is that his great-grandfather,



*L-R: Agnesa Reeve; Jack Reeve, '43; Justin Reeve, '10; Lee Reeve, '71; and Brenda Reeve. The family is gathered at the Kansas State Alumni Center, and Justin holds a gift from the chapter to his family for its donation to the housing campaign.*



**Chester Reeve, 1918**, was a charter member of the chapter at Kansas State!

Chester, known as Chet, helped start the chapter at Kansas State back in 1915 or 1916. I'm not quite sure of the exact date. Then his son, **Marshall (Jack) Reeve, '43**, attended Kansas State and was a member of SigEp during the 1940s. Then his son, **Lee Reeve, '71**, became a member of SigEp at Kansas State in the fall of 1967. My husband told our son the same thing that Terry Lyle told his grandson, find a fraternity, but find one that feels right for you.

As a Delta Zeta from way back, I was thrilled to see how much the Greek system has flourished and how much the SigEp Fraternity has changed for the better. I really love the Balanced Man Program and my son, Justin, absolutely loves the SigEp Brotherhood at Kansas State. His great-grandfather would be proud that the chapter he helped start is growing stronger every year and that his

great-grandson is a part of it! Chet is no longer living, but Jack is still going strong at the age of 86, and Lee is loving being the dad of another SigEp in the family. So their legacy actually spans about 90 years! Isn't that amazing? It is another testament to the power of the SigEp Fraternity.

Thank you, a proud SigEp mom, wife and daughter-in-law,

**Brenda Reeve**

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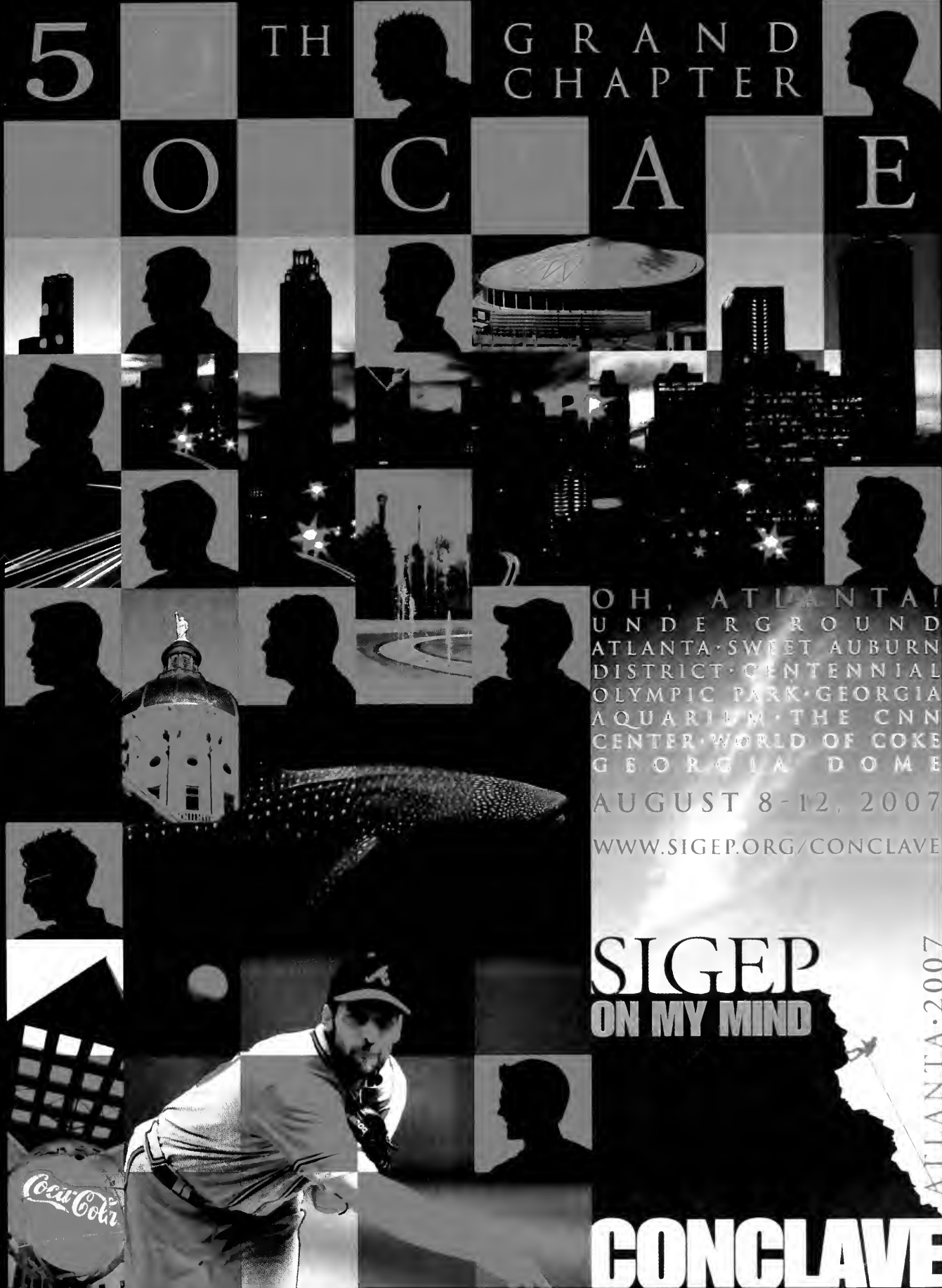
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# Red Door Notes

## CHAPTER HOUSE PROFILES



*The tradition of the red door on Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter houses began on the campus of Syracuse University, New York Alpha, in 1928. Today, nearly every Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter home has a red door to welcome SigEp Brothers. The original house and red door are pictured to the right. This building is now the Slutzker Center for International Services, and Sigma Phi Epsilon has another magnificent home for its red door.*



### Kansas Beta—Kansas State University

- Built in 1954, this 16,500 square foot chapter house was renovated in 2004 after the success of a \$3 million campaign. Today it is the home for 68 Brothers.
- Great care was taken in the planning stages for privacy and interaction. Smaller, eight-man bedrooms replaced two large sleeping porches. A conference room and office for the Faculty Advisor were added to the existing library with wireless Internet access available throughout the facility. The chapter room and dining hall also double for study space. A patio was added for social events, and the south basement is a multi-purpose room. There is also a half basketball court.

- New kitchen equipment was added, and the dining room was expanded. An after-hours kitchen stocked with healthy snacks and meal leftovers was added. This keeps the main kitchen locked and allows a space for the Brothers to prepare food and keep the mess out of their room.



- The most unique feature of the new facility is the lighted exterior tower. This feature greatly enhances the exterior appearance, and makes the chapter house a significant showpiece. The exterior material is native limestone consistent with most of the campus buildings. The renovation was awarded a Preservation Award by the Manhattan Riley County Preservation Alliance.



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### Illinois Zeta—Illinois State University

- Built in 1986, this 15,000 square foot chapter house sleeps 44. There are common bathrooms on both floors of the chapter house, as well as a President's suite on the first floor. There are six multi-purpose rooms in the basement.
- New carpet was added recently to the stairwells, while the walls and ceilings were repainted, and the air conditioning was upgraded throughout. A 42" plasma TV was added to the chapter room. Projects for the near future include a kitchen renovation.





## SigEp Returns to the U. of Tampa

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,  
Southern Mississippi '99

Originally chartered in 1953 as the school's first fraternity, the chapter closed in 1976 for risk management violations and returned in 1985. During the next 15 years, the chapter would win two Buchanan Cups and be named Fraternity of the Year on its campus 13 times. The culture in the chapter began to deteriorate in the late 1990s, and the National Board of Directors closed the chapter in 2000 for repeated risk management violations, including purchasing alcohol with chapter funds.

In August, 2003, the initial group of men was recruited to bring the chapter back to campus. November 12, 2005, marked the return of Florida Zeta to the University of Tampa. In those two years, the Florida Zeta Chapter excelled by having the highest fraternity GPA in the Spring of 2004 (with a 3.12). It also received the Awards of Excellence for Campus and Community Development and Fraternity of the Year for 2004-2005. In the Fall of 2006, SigEp won its third Greek Sing title and has the highest number of community service hours and most money donated.

### Living the Balanced Man Ideal

For Sound Mind, the chapter visits a Hindu temple and other religious centers and hosts etiquette dinners. For Sound Body, the chapter held a Latin dance class with a sorority and has a nutritionist speak about diet. The brothers also participated in a teams rope course. Each week the chapter holds workouts in the gym.

Next year the chapter will have a speaker work with its new members on health and wellness. The chapter recruits men based on the Balanced Man Ideal. Potential new members must have at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate Sound Mind and Sound Body in their life.

"The Florida Zeta Chapter has shown the Tampa community something new and unexpected. We strongly believe in our development plan of Sound Mind and Sound Body, focusing on providing our



brothers with an experience that they never knew existed," said Chapter President **Anthony Wincko, '07**, of the chapter's accomplishments to-date.

### Volunteer Support

The Florida Zeta Chapter is supported by a number of alumni and faculty. Members of the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation include AVC President **Norman Monfort, Florida '72**; AVC Treasurer **Stuart Suls, McDaniel '83**; **Mark D. Hamilton, Stetson '93**; and Chapter Counselor **Mark Christensen, North Dakota '95**. Recent graduates are also contributing to the AVC, including **Raymond Joline, '04**, **Dave Weagle, '05**, **Chris Rickard, '05**, **Sean Miles, '05**, **Frank Dispirito, '06**, **Lucas Mehl, '06**, and **Josh Moore, '05**.

Colonel Les Broadway served as the chapter's faculty advisor during its first two years. He retired in April of 2006, and the chapter is searching for a suitable replacement.

**"Perseverance and  
spirit have done  
wonders in all ages."**

—George Washington

### About the Campus

The University of Tampa was founded in 1933, and today is home to more than 4,800 students. More than \$115 million in construction and technology improvements have been completed or are underway. Twenty-five percent of all new first-year students are science majors. The school's marine science program was one of the nation's first. Psychology, criminology, communication, education, and performing arts are also strong majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Fifteen percent of undergraduate males are members of one of the eight fraternities on campus, and there are 10 sororities.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: **1953**

GPA: **3.07**

Varsity Athletes: **Cross Country,  
Golf, Baseball, Basketball**

Buchanan Cups Won: **1991, 1993**

Total Lifetime Members: **716**

Current Undergraduate  
Membership: **44**

# SigEp Re-charters at Salisbury

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,  
Southern Mississippi '99

**“F**ebuary 14 was a cold, snowy night on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Inside the hotel ballroom, our charter sat covered on an easel as we waited in suspense,” Chapter President **Brad Walsh, '07**, said. “Emotions ran high when Past Presidents **Andy Palko, '05**, **Tim Carle, '05**, and I revealed our new charter to the crowd. We looked out in the audience and saw pride, elation, and a sense of achievement on the faces of our brothers.” It was a moment of accomplishment, the culmination of two years’ worth of intense work to re-establish SigEp at Salisbury University after a seven-year absence.

Originally chartered in 1996, the Maryland Zeta Chapter closed in 1999 for low manpower. The re-chartering of the Maryland Zeta Chapter began in March, 2003, with the establishment of an informal group of 20 men who were not satisfied with the existing Greek system. This group contacted Headquarters in April of 2003 and became a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC) in May. The new chapter chartered within 19 months.

The brothers of the Maryland Zeta Chapter dedicated the chartering banquet to the memory of **Brandon Mason**. Brother Mason was killed in an automobile accident in the Fall of 2004. Members of the chapter received founding father badges as a gift from **Gregg “G” Presbury, Jr., '96**, as a token of his appreciation for the hard work of the men in bringing SigEp back to the Salisbury campus. Gregg has also been a key part in the success of the newly chartered Maryland Zeta Chapter with his tireless work and commitment to the chapter.

## Living the Balanced Man Ideal

To aid in the pursuit of Sound Mind and Sound Body, the chapter had the campus director of health services educate members on alcohol and the dangers of substance abuse. Brother **Mark Doran, '05**, and members of the chapter teach self-defense once a semester to the sororities on campus. All of the chapter



members are active on intramural teams and are reigning champions in football, volleyball, softball, and dodge ball.

Since returning, SigEp remains the largest fraternity on campus and its GPA is the highest. The Maryland Zeta Chapter has a manpower goal of 70 men with a 3.25 GPA within three years of chartering. The chapter is well on its way boasting 58 men with a 2.95 for the fall semester. Brothers are involved in all facets of student life, including varsity as well as club athletics, student government, and the Interfraternity Council (IFC). They are also involved in other organizations such as the fishing team, campus newsletter, and several men are members of their respective majors’ honor societies.

## Volunteer Support

Working with the Maryland Zeta Chapter are some great alumni. **David J. Gebhardt, '05**, is the AVC President, and he works along with Chapter Counselor Brother Presbury. The AVC meets monthly and has a goal to locate chapter housing in the coming years, as well as maintaining the connection with new chapter alumni and revive relations with alumni from the original chapter. The chapter is especially grateful to the dedicated volunteerism of District Governor and Order of the Golden Heart recipient **Mitch Crane, West Chester '77**.

## About the Campus

Founded in 1922, Salisbury University is located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. More than 6,500 students attend the school, and it offers 35 distinct undergraduate and graduate degree programs in an atmosphere that encourages close relationships between faculty and students. Approximately six percent of the student population are members of one of the six fraternities or four sororities. At present, there is no housing for Greek organizations, but the chapter benefits from its usage of the Scarbrough Leadership House which serves as a location for Greeks to hold meetings as well as ritual ceremonies. The building is equipped with offices for all Greek organizations, as well as a conference room, classroom, and ritual room to supplement the lack of Greek housing on campus.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: **1996**

GPA: **2.95**

Varsity Athletes: **Baseball, Football, Swimming, Tennis, and Volleyball**

Club Athletes: **Rugby, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse**

Total Lifetime Members: **170**

Current Undergraduate Membership: **58**



# Quinnipiac Charters April 22, 2006

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,  
Southern Mississippi '99

**M**arch, 2004, marked the beginning of SigEp life at Quinnipiac University, and, in the past two years, the chapter has performed in academics, manpower, and nearly every other area of chapter operations. Four Brothers are in the Order of Omega honorary society, seven Brothers are residence assistants, 14 Brothers are orientation leaders, and two are involved in Student Government, one of whom is the current president of the Student Government Association. In short, the future is bright for our Brothers of Connecticut Epsilon.

It all began when 24 men accepted the invitation to be SigEps. The new chapter's GPA for that first semester (a 3.28) was in the top 30 of all SigEp chapters. Not a bad start! Today they continue to post Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse GPAs and are recruiting men using the Balanced Man Scholarship and Hall Wars (see page 33 for a story on the chapter's recent success with its second annual Hall Wars).

## Living the Balanced Man Ideal

From the very beginning, SigEp at Quinnipiac took advantage of a myriad of opportunities to strive for Sound Mind and Sound Body. Whether practicing their etiquette skills with dates or learning swing, tango, or salsa dances with the aid of the Physical Education Department, these Brothers are never stagnant in their programming.

One of the chapter's first events was touring the Yale British Art Museum, located near campus. Members routinely meet with fitness counselors at the Quinnipiac Athletic Center to set and achieve fitness goals. They also hike up to the top of nearby Sleeping Giant Mountain. Yoga is another Sound Mind, Sound Body event. Brothers frequently attend Hamden Town Counsel meetings to learn more about community affairs.

"Although being chartered was a huge accomplishment, it is only the beginning of where our chapter wants to be heading. With programming like paintball,



etiquette dinners with our mothers, ball room dancing lessons in the spring with sorority women, fraternity study halls, Hall Wars, and an unbeatable force in intramurals, we are hoping to win a Buc Cup at the next Conclave. SigEps at Quinnipiac University are viewed as the best. We work extremely hard every day to break Greek life stereotypes and continue to prove to the campus and the community that we are the best of the best," said Chapter President **Andrew Turczak, '07**.

## Volunteer Support— a Little Help from Babson

When a chapter is first established on a campus, volunteer support comes from every angle. In the case of Connecticut Epsilon, it was two SigEp brothers who formed the nucleus of the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC). **Angelo R. Framularo, II, Babson '00**, serves as President for the AVC, and his younger brother, **Vincent L. Framularo, Babson '03**, served as the original Chapter Counselor. Angelo received his juris doctorate from Quinnipiac and Vincent is earning his MBA. Other members of the AVC include **Nicolas Papacoda, '05**, Treasurer; Dr. Sean P. Duffy, Faculty Advisor; and Melany K. Smith, Balanced Man Steward.

## About the Campus

Quinnipiac University, a private, non-sectarian school, was founded in 1929 with three values: an excellence in education, sensitivity to students, and a spirit of community. It is primarily a residential campus in an attractive New England setting. Quinnipiac's mission is to provide a supportive and stimulating environment for the intellectual and personal growth of undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students. Undergraduate enrollment is 5,286 students.

Fraternities and sororities have existed at Quinnipiac for over 40 years. At its peak, the campus was comprised of nine men's fraternities and four women's sororities. Over the years, chapters have opened and closed. Today there are two fraternities and two sororities on campus.

## BY THE NUMBERS

GPA: **3.16**

Varsity Athletes: **Cross Country**

Club Athletes: **n/a**

Buchanan Cups Won: **n/a**

Total Lifetime Members: **96**

Current Undergraduate  
Membership: **59**

## SigEp Scholar Athletes Set Records in Swimming, Baseball, Track & Field, and Squash

BY JAY LANGHAMMER

### Basketball

Named to the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) All-Fraternity All-American first team and the All-Big Ten second team was **Purdue** forward Matt Kiefer, '06, the team MVP. He led in rebounding (209, 7.5 per game), blocked shots (30), and steals (27). He also ranked second in scoring (335 points, 12.0 per game) and tied for second with 49 assists. Among his top games were 21 points, eight rebounds against Michigan,

and 18 points, 15 rebounds versus Northwestern. He signed a one-year contract with the Walter Tigers in Germany's top pro league. Teammate Chris Hartley, '07, started 14 games at guard and tied for second with 49 assists. Guard Ed White, '09, played in nine games for **Yale**.

Chosen for the MIAA All-Defensive first team and the All-MIAA second team was guard Chip Sodemann, '06, of the 20-9 **Truman State** NCAA Division II playoff team. He led in minutes played (1,009), assists (99), free-throw shooting (82.8%), and steals (36) while ranking third in scoring (310 points, 10.7). His top game was 24 points versus Pittsburg State. Seeing action for the 18-9 **Ohio Wesleyan** squad were two SigEps. Guard Bryan King, '06, led the team with 53 three-pointers and ranked second with 637 minutes. He scored 179 points (6.6) and had 43 assists. Teammate Ted Uritus, '07, played in every game and scored 103 points (3.8).

**Davis & Elkins** transfer Matt Towell, '06, saw action in 32 games (with six starts) for the 30-3 Virginia Wesleyan NCAA Division III national champs. Center Phillip Roberts, '06, saw action for the 28-3 **Barton** squad, and forward Mike Kobal, '09, had six starts for **Westminster**. Guard Richard Mullen, '06, led **Case Western Reserve** with 39 three-point goals, scored 158 points (6.7), and had 38 assists. Teammate Dan Hildebrandt, '09, saw action at forward. Forward Ross Trethewey, '07, played in 14 contests for the 23-7 **Tufts** squad and guard Michael Kahler, '08, played for **Baker**.

### Swimming

Voted as Co-MVP at **St. Louis U.** was Brad Byars, '08, the team's fastest swimmer in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle events. At the Atlantic 10 meet, he placed fifth in the 100 freestyle and 10<sup>th</sup> in the 50 freestyle, in addition to being on three record-setting relays. Teammate Steven Sash, '07, had the team's best 200 freestyle at the Atlantic 10 meet and was on the 800 freestyle relay. Also swimming for St. Louis U. was Adam Trafton, '09. Jeffrey Cohn, '07, of **George Washington** was on the fourth place 800 freestyle relay and placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the 200 freestyle at the Atlantic 10 meet. Teammate Seth Benkov, '09, also swam at the Atlantic 10 event.

**Bucknell** co-captain Adam Freeman, '06, won the team's Bob Richards Award as top diver and was on the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. He was third in one meter diving at the Patriot meet and was Patriot Male Diver of the Week three times during the season. Teammate William Schilling, '06, gained All-Patriot League first team honors after winning the 200 breaststroke and placing third in the 100 breaststroke. Also on the Patriot



Left: Purdue forward Matt Kiefer, '06, the team MVP  
Above: Truman State guard Chip Sodemann, '06



*Cole Kalkbrenner, Missouri State '07*

Academic Honor Roll for Bucknell was Matt McGraw, '08, who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 200 backstroke and 11<sup>th</sup> in the 400 IM at the Patriot meet. Diver Nick Ortman, '08, of **Utah** received a Mountain West Conference Scholar Athlete award.

Colin O'Brady, '08, of **Yale** was co-winner of the team's Davies Award as top breaststroke swimmer. At the EISL meet, he was on the fifth place 200 medley relay and placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the 100 breaststroke. Teammate Morgan Locke, '08, did well at the ECAC meet, placing fifth in the 200 IM, 400 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay events. He was also eighth in the 100 freestyle and 10<sup>th</sup> in the 200 freestyle. Also on the Yale squad was Aaron Kessler, '07. Matt Schuchhardt, '09, and Kyle Verage, '09, were on the 200 freestyle relay at **Valparaiso**. Also competing were teammates Scott Dueball, '08, and Ansel Hillmer, '09.

At the MVC meet, diver Cole Kalkbrenner, '07, of **Missouri State** placed fourth on the three meter board and seventh in the one meter event. Eight SigEps were members of the **South Dakota State** team. Josh Mueller, '09, set a new school mark in the 1,650 freestyle (41:90) while placing sixth at the Mid-Continent Conference meet. He was also 12<sup>th</sup> in the 100 butterfly. Jason Kassa, '07, was 15<sup>th</sup> in the 200 backstroke while teammates Kyle Milleman, '09, Andy True, '09, and Nate Bylander, '09, were top 20 finishers in the 1,650, as were Hadleigh Tyler, '08, Michael Dill, '09, and Chris Olson, '10.

Four **Westminster** SigEps were key swimmers at the PAC meet, with three earning All-PAC second team honors. Seth Senior, '08, placed second in the 500 freestyle, 1,000 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle. Nick Keagle, '08, was on the second place 200 and 400 medley relays while placing third in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events. Shaun McNamara, '07, swam on the second place 200 freestyle and medley relays, and Ian Yarger, '08, placed third in the 200 butterfly.

Matt Storey, '07, of **Denison** did well at the NCAC meet, placing second with the 400 medley relay and finishing seventh in the 100 and 200 backstroke events. At the NESCAC meet, **Tufts** co-captain Craig Kelly, '06, finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the 50 meter backstroke and 20<sup>th</sup> in the 200 backstroke. Andy Bonesz, '10, was the top diver at **Illinois Tech** and placed fourth in the one and three meter events at the NAIA meet. Competing for **John Carroll** were Josh Brabbins, '08, Charles McCarthy, '07, and Jeremy Beach, '09.



*Steven Sash, St. Louis U. '07*



*Diver Nick Ortman, Utah '08, received a Mountain West Conference Scholar Athlete award.*



*Alex Funk, George Washington '08*

## Other Winter Sports

**Yale** squash captain Julian Illingworth, '06, considered to be the school's best player ever, earned All-American and All-Ivy League honors for the fourth year. The 2006 U.S. Champion, he also won Yale's Mallory Award, the top honor given to a senior male athlete, and the team's John Skillman Award as the player who has done the most for Yale squash. Alex Funk, '08, was a regular for the **George Washington** squash team.

Wrestler Kyle Brown, '10, of **Thiel** won his third straight PAC 285 pound title and placed second at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional meet. Also on the Thiel squad were Matt Bannister, '07, and A. J. Parker, '07. Other wrestlers included **Stevens Tech** heavyweight William Young, '07, Corey Shepard, '08, of **John Carroll**, Josh Rodden, '07, of **WPI**, and Beau Lem, '09, of **Case Western Reserve**. Alpine skier Jeff Avallon, '06, was a key competitor for **Babson** and competed at the USCSA national meet. He also placed 27<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Slalom event at the Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference meet.

Two SigEp fencers were leaders at **Stevens Tech**. Captain Matt Paragano, '08, won a Bronze Medal in sabre at the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association meet and placed 18<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional meet. Teammate Piotr Czerechowski, '07, placed 31<sup>st</sup> in epee at the NCAA regional. Also on the Stevens Tech squad was James Woolley, '08. Other fencing competitors were Michael Bruno, '07, of **Duke**, Matthew Chaiken, '08, of **Yale** and Matthew Farrell, '08, of **MIT**.



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'07, of the 30-18 **Central Arkansas** team posted a 5-4 record, 4.66 earned run average and 49 strikeouts in 56 innings. Earning All-GLIAC honorable mention was **Northwood** outfielder Nick Metzger, '06, the team's top hitter at .330. He also led with 176 at bats, 58 hits, 36 runs and 15 doubles while driving in 23 runs.

Six SigEps played for **Truman State**. Infielder Adam Davis, '06, hit .284 (40 of 141) with 24 runs and a co-high 12 stolen bases. Infielder Neil Bleish, '09, hit .274 (40 of 146), scored 20 runs and stole 12 bases. Another regular was outfielder Derek Maropis, '09, who hit .223 (25 of 112). Pitcher A. J. Barton, '08, won three games and pitcher Ben Burkemper, '06, pitched in 12 contests. Playing 10 games for Truman State was catcher Pat Wilmes, '06. **Colorado Mines** first sacker Tully Gallagher, '07, batted .312 (54 of 173). He led in RBI (33), doubles (17) and triples (four) while scoring 36 runs and hitting three homers.

Named to the NIC All-Fraternity All-American Division II-III first team was first baseman A. J. Dote, '08, of the 28-14 **Ohio Wesleyan** squad. The North Coast Athletic Conference leader with a .470 mark (55 of 115), he drove in 44 runs, scored 36 runs, had 10 doubles and cracked five home runs. Teammate Tom Bottichio, '06, batted .344 (33 of 96) as a DH and had five homers and 22 RBI. Also playing for OWU was outfielder Brent Wilkins, '08. **Case Western Reserve** infielder Kevin Haley, '08, batted .278 (27 of 97) and pitcher Richard Mullen, '06, had a 2-1 record in 11 games.

The NIC All-American Division II-III first team shortstop was Adam Sandt, '07, of 27-12 **Stevens Tech**. He hit .418 (64 of 153) with 44 RBI, 35 runs, 22 stolen bases, 12 doubles and six triples. Sandt was also named to the All-New York Region and All-Skyline first teams. Teammate Scott Picerno, '09, was named to the All-Skyline first team and All-New York Region third team. He led with 70 innings pitched and posted a 5-2 record with 1.93 earned run average.

Outfielder Gerardo Moreno, '07, of Stevens was named to the All-NJCBA team and hit .295 (49 of 166). He led with 30 stolen bases and was second with 44 runs scored. Moreno also had a 2.12 ERA and 5-1 mound record. Second baseman Andrew Tesorio, '07, was named to the All-Skyline second team after hitting .338 (44 of 130) with 26 runs. Other Stevens players were

pitchers Jim Waterman, '08, (1.73 ERA in 16 games), Mike Ivey, '08, Andy Piccolo, '06, and Jacek Janczewski, '07.

Five SigEps led the **Westminster** squad. Named to the All-PAC second team was outfielder Don Womeldorff, '08, who batted .361 (44 of 122) with 25 RBI, 15 steals and three homers. All-PAC second team second sacker Don Kirkwood, '08, was a .333 hitter (39 of 117) and scored 35 runs. Pitcher Brenton Gilmore, '06, was co-winner of a Senior Scholar-Athlete Award and led with 51.1 innings and 46 strikeouts. Catcher Mark Francazio, '06, hit .333 (39 of 117) and scored 22 runs. Pitcher Jason Mackey, '06, was 2-2 in 23 games.

NEWMAC Rookie of the Year and All-NEWMAC second teamer Conor Fahey, '09, of **WPI** had a 5-2 record, 2.54 ERA and 74 strikeouts in 50.1 innings. Co-captain/third baseman Nick Angelini, '08, hit .333 (25 of 75) with a team-best eight homers, 28 runs and 26 RBI. Co-captain/outfielder Bill Flaherty, '06, hit .301 (28 of 93) with six homers and 22 RBI for WPI. The 25-15 **Denison** squad featured seven SigEps. Pitcher Dallas Puskar, '06, earned All-NCAC honorable mention with a 7-4 record, 4.36 ERA and 62 strikeouts in 64 innings. Starting at second base was Andrew Pakla, '07, who hit .286 (38 of 133) and scored 33 runs. Others were third baseman Brandon McAdams, '09, infielder Chris Schuette, '08, plus pitchers Mike Hudson, '09, Marc Anderson, '09, and Luke Gelber, '09.

Other team members during the 2006 college baseball season were infielder Bobby Stevens, '08, of **Valparaiso**; second baseman Matt Bucher, '06, who got into 14 games for **Lambuth**; pitcher Kyle Metzger, '06, who won two games for **Baker**; outfielder Steve Parker, '09, of **Tri-State**; and the **Monmouth** duo of outfielder Scott Wolfmeyer, '08, and infielder Pat Lane, '09.

In major league action, first baseman Sean Casey, **U. of Richmond** '96, started the year with the Pittsburgh Pirates but was traded to the Detroit Tigers at mid-season. Pitcher Jon Rauch, **Morehead State** '00, proved to be a solid middle inning reliever for the Washington Nationals and Kevin Jarvis, **Wake Forest** '91, saw brief mound duty for the Arizona Diamondbacks. After the season got underway, Merv Rettenmund, **Ball State** '65, was named hitting coach for the San Diego Padres.

Second baseman Miles Starr, Georgia '08

## Baseball

Helping lead 50-16 **Oregon State** to the College World Series national championship was first baseman Bill Rowe, **California-Santa Barbara**, '07, who was on the CWS All-Tournament Team and the NIC All-Fraternity All-American Division I first team. He batted .341 (78 of 229) with 46 runs scored (including the winning run in the CWS title game), 22 doubles, four triples, six home runs and 56 runs batted in. He also set two CWS single-series fielding records for most putouts (87) and chances (95) without an error. Rowe signed with the Milwaukee Brewers and joined their Helena Class A rookie league club.

Second baseman Miles Starr, '08, played 13 games for the 47-23 **Georgia** CWS squad and infielder Kevin Walker, '08, saw action for the 43-21 **Michigan** NCAA playoff team. Leading **Ohio State** to a 37-21 record in his 19<sup>th</sup> season was head coach Bob Todd, **Missouri**, '71. His career mark (including four years as Kent State head coach) is 850-446-2. Pitcher Zach Barnett,



Personal best for pole vaulter Andy Lane, Tennessee '06

## Track & Field

**Tennessee** pole vaulter Andy Lane, '06, set a personal best of 17' 3/4" in winning the indoor Kentucky Invitational. He also won the event at the Hoosier Open (16' 3/4") and Gator Invitational (16' 3/4"). Winning the **Rutgers** Most Improved Award was Paul Applegate, '07, who placed sixth in the shot put (51' 10") at the Big East outdoor meet. He reached a career best of 53' 1/4" in a 17<sup>th</sup> place finish at the NCAA East regional. Teammate Tom Morley, '06, was a middle distance runner. Pole vaulter Chris Baldwin, '09, was a member of the **Michigan** squad.

Javier Garcia-Tunon, '09, of **Florida State** earned All-ACC honors with a second place 400 meter hurdles finish (50.90) and was ninth at the NCAA East regional. He also placed fourth in the ACC 110 meter hurdles, high jumped 6' 3/4" at the ACC meet, and was on the FSU 1,600 meter relay at the NCAA East meet. He was a member of the All-ACC Academic team. Ryan Herberling, '09, of **Florida International** had a best javelin throw of 163' 3" at the Miami Elite Invitational and placed 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sun Belt Conference meet. He also competed in the high jump and the 110 meter hurdles.

Four SigEps were on the **Dartmouth** squad. Chris DuPre, '06, was fifth in the heptathlon at the Indoor Dartmouth Relays and Calvin Richardson, '06, was on the

winning 400 meter relay at the Princeton Invitational. Charlie Stoebe, '08, placed second at 500 meters during the Dartmouth Relays and was fourth at the indoor Heptagonals. Also competing was Mike Lynch, '08. The **St. Louis U.** squad included Paul Lemon, '08 (17<sup>th</sup> in the 5,000 meter run at the Saluki Spring Classic); Evan Jarrold, '09, middle distance runner and member of the 1,600 meter relay; and Nick Flaherty, '09, who ran 5,000 meters. Running 200 and 400 meters at the Texas State Open was Garrett Johnson, '09, of **Texas A&M-Corpus Christi**.

The **Moravian** team featured eight SigEps who competed at the Middle Atlantic Conference meet.

James Bell, '08, was on the winning 400 meter relay, placed sixth at 100 meters, and was ninth at 200 meters. Also on the first place 400 meter relay was Josh Kline, '07, who was sixth at 400 meters. **Michael Elkazzaz, '06**, placed third in the pole vault (13' 1/4"), and Alan Fatzinger, '08, an

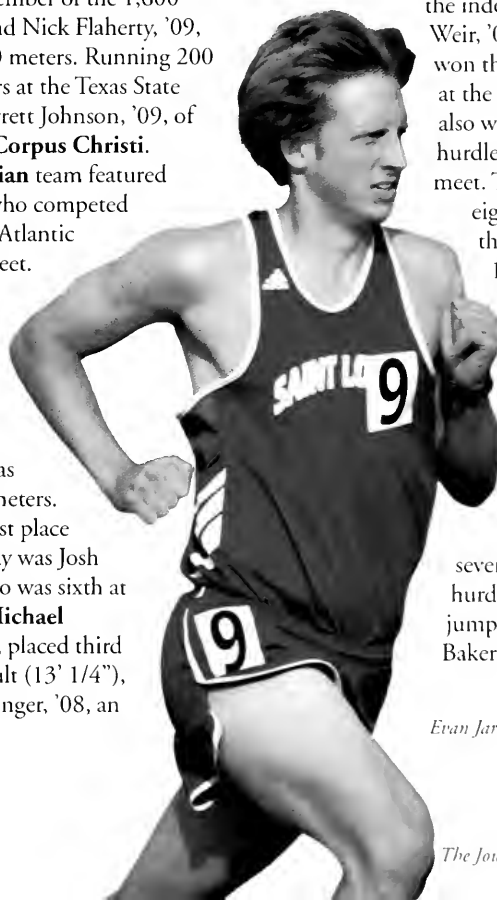
MAC Spring Academic Honor Roll member, was fifth in the pole vault (13' 1/4"). Michael Ossont, '07, had a season best javelin throw of 170' 1" and placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the MAC meet. Also on the MAC Academic Honor Roll was William Shimer, '06, who placed 17<sup>th</sup> at 10,000 meters. Throwing the hammer was John Wagner, '08.

Reaching 180' 1" in the javelin throw for **Susquehanna** was Ian Horton, '08, who placed fourth at the MAC meet. Teammate Adam Dreibelbis, '07, threw the discus and hammer. Throwing the shot and discus for **Westminster** at the PAC meet was Nate Capello, '09. At the NCAC meet, Benjamin Pendery, '09, of **Denison** was on the third place 1,600 meter relay, placed fourth in the 800, and ran on the fifth place 400 meter relay. Matt Kempton, '07, of **Ohio Wesleyan** placed fifth in the NCAC 1,500 meters and was the squad's best 5,000 meter runner. At the Seton Hall Last Chance indoor meet, Fred Hardenbrook, '08, of **Stevens Tech** set a school record in the 35-pound throw. Outdoors, he was sixth in the javelin at the Kings Point Invitational. Teammate Ryan Price, '07, threw the javelin and hammer.

Earning All-American honors with a second place 60 meter hurdles time at

the indoor NAIA meet was Brett Weir, '06, of **Baker**. Earlier, he won the event with a 7.71 time at the HAAC indoor meet. He also was sixth in the 110 hurdles at the NAIA outdoor meet. Trevor Gleason, '09, was eighth in the long jump at the indoor NAIA meet,

11<sup>th</sup> in the outdoor HAAC long jump, and on the 13<sup>th</sup> place 800 meter relay at the Kansas Relays. Matt Kmiec, '07, was seventh in the indoor NAIA pole vault, and Zach Atzeni, '08, at the indoor NAIA, placed seventh in the 55 meter hurdles and eighth in the high jump. Rounding out the Baker contingent was Jeremiah



Evan Jarrold, St. Louis U. '09





*Aaron Landgraf, Johns Hopkins '06*

Harp, '08, who was 13<sup>th</sup> in the outdoor HAAC 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Aaron Landgraf, '06, of **Johns Hopkins** was on the record-setting first place 1,600 meter relay and fourth place 3,200 meter relay at the Centennial Conference meet. Joining him on the squad were Gabe Tonkin, '06, Matthew Murray, '09, and

Prasanna Chandrasekhar, '09. Competing in weight events for **John Carroll** were Bo Hess, '08, and Ed Borowy, '08. Jason Hochstetler, '09, of **Tri-State** was on the fourth place MIAA 1,600 meter relay, placed fifth at 100 meters, and was 11<sup>th</sup> in the long jump. T. J. Shaughnessy, '09, of **Christopher Newport** was eighth in the triple jump and 11<sup>th</sup> in the long jump at the Mason-Dixon Classic.

Four SigEps were on the **Babson** track squad, led by co-captain Matt Walsh, '07. Dean Jenks, '08, was on the 400 meter relay that placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA New England meet. Peter Butera, '07, Rob Chapman, '07, and Pat Socorro, '08, were members of the 1,600 meter relay. Matt Kamalsky, '09, completed in the long jump and 200 meter dash for **Case Western Reserve**. Other athletes were Gus Polito, '07, of **Columbia**; Cam Felton, '06, of **North Dakota**; Andrew Vaske, '07, of **Ohio Northern**; Kevin DiGenova, '07, of **MIT**; Sean McMahon, '09, of **Sacramento State**; the **Monmouth** duo of Nick DeFrancisco, '07, and Jacob Stott, '10; and the **Davidson** trio of Andrew Hazen, '07, D. J. Carella, '09, and Ryan Weaver, '09.



*Cam Felton, North Dakota '06*



*Drew Laning, TCU '05*

## Golf

Drew Laning, '05, was a good player for **TCU**, averaging 74.12 over 33 rounds. He tied for fifth (215) at The Ridges meet, tied for 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hall of Fame Invitational, tied for 21<sup>st</sup> at the U.S. Collegiate Championship, and tied for 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain West Conference and Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate meet (214, including a 69). Averaging 75.9 over 14 rounds for **Bradley** was Josh Brown, '06, who tied for 14<sup>th</sup> at the Missouri Valley Conference meet. Teammate Craig Tautges, '05, shot a 76.5 clip over 22 rounds. Kyle Hougham, '06, played six rounds for **Iowa**. At **Marshall**, Chris Tipper, '06, shot 79.05 over 18 rounds (low of 71), and teammate **Jeremy Graham, '06**, averaged 81.0 for six rounds.

Named to the North Central Conference Academic Honor Roll was **North Dakota's** Scott Maliske, '08, who averaged 81.0. Gary McGovern, '06, of **Westminster** earned All-PAC second team honors, and teammate Jordan Flaim, '09, also played. Shooting 78.8 over 21 rounds for **Denison** was Frank Steinberg, '08. He tied for 10<sup>th</sup> at the Muskingum Invitational, tied for 12<sup>th</sup> (232) at the NCAC meet, and was 15<sup>th</sup>



at the OWU Fall Invitational. Shooting a 67 for **Huntington** was Keith Jungen, '07, who placed second at the Wynlakes meet and had fifth place ties at the Callaway Collegiate Invitational and Gordin Collegiate Classic. Also playing were Brandon Shrout, '07, who placed 16<sup>th</sup> at Wynlakes, and Ford Newell, '09.

The **Baker** squad featured seven SigEp players. Michael Kahler, '08, tied for second at the HAAC meet and tied for third at the Graceland Invitational. P. J. Matulka, '09, tied for third at the Graceland meet and was 17<sup>th</sup> at the HAAC. Also on the squad were Tanner Christenson, '09, Chase Day, '09, Derek Donovan, '09, Chuck Golden, '06, and Jon Xenos, '07. Rory Doherty, '08, of **Babson** was eighth at the Elms College Invitational and tied for ninth at the Lou Flumere meet. Playing for **Monmouth** were Jeff Denny, '07, who placed second at the Monmouth Invitational, and Josh Pinney, '06. Also playing was Joseph Curtis, '09, of **Tri-State**.



Ryan Sherry, Florida '06

## Tennis

Playing in the NCAA Division I meet again was Ryan Sherry, '06, of **Florida**, who was 14-11 in singles and 8-4 in doubles. Matt Feldman, '06, was **Yale** captain with Rowan Reynolds, '06 (#1 doubles, #6 singles), and William Vidal, '06, also playing. At **Murray State**, Nicholas Ksiezopolski, '08, was a regular and joined teammates Clayton Clark, '07, and Mikel Headford, '09. Other Division I players were Ryan Boyajian, '08, of **Florida State**, Chris Conway, '08, of **UCLA**, Jason Suway, '08, of **Bucknell** and Antonio Aniello, '06, of **St. Joseph's** (18-18 in singles).

Regulars at **Truman State** were Ryan Cope, '07 (20-11 in doubles, 15-7 in singles), Tyler Wood, '06 (12-11 in doubles), and Mark Marifan, '09 (13-9 in doubles).

Good players for the **Nebraska-Kearney** Division II playoff team were All-RMAC first teamer Luke Backhaus, '06, who played #6 singles, and All-RMAC second teamer Nate Wiegand, '06, who was 8-1 in doubles. Ben Boyer, '08, of **Ohio Northern** had a 14-8 doubles mark and was 10-11 in singles. He was OAC Player of the Week in mid-April.

Brandon Stacey, '08, of **Monmouth**, MWC Player of the Week in mid-February, had a 20-11 doubles record and was 16-13 in singles. Also playing were teammates Jimmy Jordan, '07, and Brian Jordan, '07. At **Susquehanna**, Steve Kane, '06, played #1 singles, and Matt Mitchell, '09, was a regular at #4 singles. Mike Kelly-Sell, '06, of **Johns Hopkins** was 4-3 in doubles and 2-2 in singles. Glenn Rudolph, '09, of **Huntingdon** was 6-5 at #1 singles, and Al Zachos, '07, was 6-5 at #2 singles. They played #1 doubles and were joined by teammates Matt Lewis, '06, and Walker Garrett, '07.

## Other Spring Sports

Two SigEps excelled in volleyball. Middle hitter Layne Dreven, '07, of the 29-12 **Ohio State** team played 58 games and had 104 kills. Middle hitter Will Foley, '07, of 27-12 **Stevens Tech** was on the All-NECVA second team. In 98 games, he was second with 115 blocks and had 212 kills. Three SigEps were on the 10-6 **Denison** lacrosse squad: defenseman Dave Harman, '08, who started 13 games; long stick man Matt Hourigan, '08; and defenseman Andrew Doggett, '08. Rocco DiPaolo, '06, had 14 starts on defense for the **Moravian** lacrosse squad, and goalie Ryan Onopa, '09, was on the **Babson** team. Joe Shane, '09, was a regular on the **Murray State** rifle team that placed fifth at the NCAA championship, and Mike Horvath, '08, was also a squad member. Alex Perry, '09, was on the **Tennessee-Martin** team that placed sixth at the College National Finals Rodeo.

The **Yale** sailing team placed seventh at the ICSA Team Racing national championships and featured Matthew Barry, '07, Phil Stemler, '07, Eivind Karlsen, '06, and Drausin Wulsin, '07. Competing in crew or rowing were Michael Rossetti, '09, of **George Washington**; Louis Socha, '09, of **Yale**; the **Dartmouth** duo of Anthony Fahden, '08, and William Suto, '07; and the **Johns Hopkins** quartet of Teddy Drivas, '07 (varsity eight), Taylor Reese, '09 (novice four), David Hinds, '08, and Michael DeWane, '08.

Chris Tipper, Marshall '06, shot 79.05 over 18 rounds.

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# Scholar Athlete Focus

## Meet CSUN's Isaac Kironde—3.3 GPA, Walk-on Soccer Player and IFC President

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,  
Southern Mississippi '99

It is very rare for someone to earn a spot on a varsity athletic team as a walk-on, or so that is what people told **Isaac Kironde, '08**. Then again, for a number of years, Isaac believed the same thing. He had just transferred to CSUN, the California State University at Northridge. His GPA was less than stellar. He hadn't played soccer since his senior year of high school. He had even decided not to fill out the application for this Balanced Man Scholarship he received in the mail. He didn't feel qualified.

Then he met **Ruben Sanchez, '05**, during orientation. Isaac remembered the Balanced Man Scholarship and began asking questions about this Fraternity promoting Sound Mind and Sound Body. Before long Brother Sanchez encouraged him to apply and Isaac did. During the scholarship interviews he got to know SigEp, and identified with the chapter's emphasis on having a good GPA and being athletic. He joined.

What he found was that the Balanced Man Ideal challenged him to set his sights higher and not to settle. Isaac, in turn, started to ask more of himself. The way he states it, "SigEp does not exist for me to be a normal person." First his grades had to improve. He hit the books and spent more time studying. Next he began to play intramural soccer and that led to thoughts of playing for CSUN's team.

Isaac is extroverted and has lots of energy. Before joining the Fraternity, he didn't have an outlet for that energy. Now he does.

He felt an obligation to constantly seek improvement. Sound Mind and Sound Body. He tried out for the soccer team and didn't make it. Some would see this as a setback. Isaac remained undaunted. "My way of looking at failure was totally



*Isaac taking some practice shots.*

different," he reflected. While he did not make the soccer team, Isaac noted what he did accomplish. He raised his GPA to a 3.3 and was elected Vice President of Recruitment. He was establishing habits that would help him succeed now and in the future.

And he knew he had another shot next season.

**"The beginning is the  
most important part  
of the work."**

—Plato

He kept training and the next year he made the team. This same soccer team finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Concurrently, Isaac was elected Vice President of Member Development and President of the Interfraternity Council.

What Isaac did has inspired others in the chapter. There are other Brothers in his chapter striving to join CSUN's baseball, track and basketball teams as walk-ons. Whether they succeed or not is not as important as the habits of Sound Mind and Sound Body they develop along the way. And, if they don't happen to succeed this year, they can be like Isaac, and try out again next year.

# Gridiron Brothers, Washington U. in St. Louis' Scholar Athletes

BY LAURA WEISIGER

**Dan Liebetreu, '08**, knows all about balance. A junior aerospace engineering major and Army ROTC member, Brother Liebetreu somehow finds time to juggle academics, athletics (he's a tight end on the football team) and Fraternity life. As the Missouri Beta Chapter's Vice President of Member Development, Liebetreu has an active role in his chapter.

Fellow teammate and SigEp **Chris Rhodes, '08**, has a lot on his plate, as well. As Chapter President as well as a defensive end on the team, Brother Rhodes is also faced with the task of managing his time effectively.

After reading the list of Brother Liebetreu's and Brother Rhodes' activities, one might wonder how they do it. After all, being a collegiate athlete is a job unto itself. During football season, especially, the players adhere to a rigorous practice and game schedule.

"We have practice every day during the week from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.," says Brother Liebetreu.

If that isn't enough, the team also meets between classes to study films of previous games and analyze their next opponent. And that's just during the week. A game weekend affords little time for studying and social activities. An away game weekend, says Brother Liebetreu, is especially taxing; the players often miss Friday classes and don't return to campus until Sunday afternoon.

Away games, he says, "limit our social lives and force us to keep up with our studies during the week."

Brother Rhodes, a junior mechanical engineering major, stresses that he has had to adapt in order to get it all done.

"I have been forced to adopt a comprehensive system of organization, a rigid daily schedule, and a disciplined work ethic," he says.

Dan and Chris aren't the only Brothers on the team. Fellow SigEps **Nate Frogge, '09**, and **Chris Halenkamp, '08**, also play for the Bears.

Between the daily practices, games, and hours of rigorous engineering work, it would be easy for Brothers Liebetreu, Frogge, Halenkamp and Rhodes to neglect the Fraternity in favor of athletics. But, these men are the opposite of forgetful, and spend as much time as they can with their Brothers.

"I can't imagine college without football or SigEp," says Liebetreu.

Brother Rhodes agrees. Even though he's so busy, he says, the task of having to manage all of his responsibilities has helped him become a better man.

"I've had to learn how to say no to distractions and trivial activities and learn how to fully commit myself to my priorities," he says. "This approach has improved my ability to study, to play

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*A tenacious Chris Rhodes waits for the ball to be snapped.*

football and to lead my Fraternity."

Brother Liebetreu says he makes a conscious effort to uphold the Balanced Man Ideal every day.

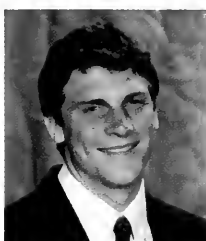
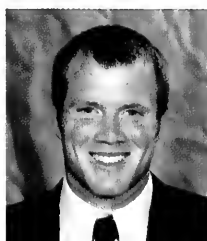
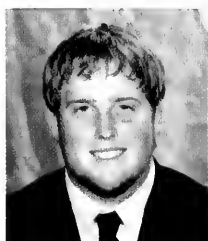
"That was something that really attracted me to SigEp during rush," he says.

Embracing the Fraternity's ideals of Sound Mind and Sound Body, Brothers Liebetreu, Rhodes, Halenkamp and Frogge are inspiring others to follow in their footsteps as they balance their commitments.

"I like to think that being good at one thing makes me better at the rest," says Brother Rhodes.

As of press time, the Bears were 6-4 overall and 2-1 in the University Athletic Association (Division III). They compete against Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Chicago. The chapter is also number one in intramurals at Wash U and is hoping to win the intramural championships. Brother Rhodes has a 3.56 GPA in mechanical engineering and Brother Liebetreu has a 3.43 GPA in aerospace engineering.

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*Left to right: Nate Frogge, Chris Halenkamp, Dan Liebetreu, and Chris Rhodes*

# Sound Mind and Sound Body

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## World Watches as North Carolina SigEp and his team Run the Sahara Desert



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As you read this story, three men are in North Africa, attempting to do something that has never been done before. One of the three is a SigEp, and together they are running across the Sahara Desert. **Charlie Engle, North Carolina '84**, and his teammates are journeying through six countries and nine ecosystems beginning in St. Louis, Senegal, and ending at the Suez Canal, a distance of 4,000 miles. They departed in October, 2006, and plan to finish in January, 2007.

Four thousand miles is the equivalent to running from Seattle to Miami, and even then you'd have an additional 800 miles to go. To accomplish their goal in 90 days, they will need to log an average of 50 miles (a little less than two marathons) per day to travel their 4,000 mile route. And this is not a relay; each man

runs side-by-side for the entire race. What effect will this grueling feat have on the human body? How does an athlete prepare for this race? First we should address a far more obvious question: why would someone want to run 4,000 miles through one of the harshest environments on the planet?

### A Very Stupid Idea

Running the Sahara was born in a conversation between Brother Engle and Ray Zahab as they ran together while training for a race. Ray, a veteran of endurance races in the Sahara Desert, wondered how someone could run the entire Sahara, not just a portion of it. The two thought it would be an

incredible test of will, and that history is filled with examples of humans pushing the envelope by doing the impossible. They wondered if anyone had done something similar.

They researched and found that no one had even attempted to run the

Sahara Desert. This meant they were on the verge of making history. Charlie and Ray recruited Kevin Lin, a famous endurance runner in Asia, to be the third runner of the team. Both men ran with Kevin and knew that if he

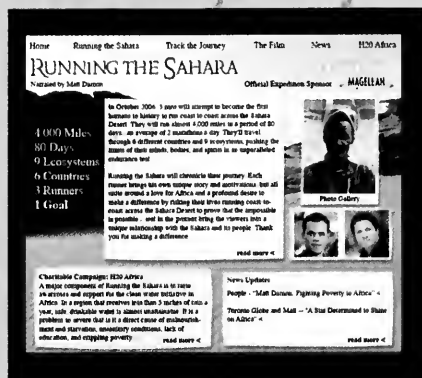


*Charlie talks with Karen Moon, Media Relations for the University of North Carolina, while training on campus.*

joined their team, he would share their passion for this goal. And, he would persevere. Kevin's reaction when asked to be a part of the expedition was, "Oh, that is a very stupid idea. I would love to be a part of it."

Theirs is a quest not unlike Magellan or any great explorer tackling the impossible, albeit in a very different vein. While the terrain of the Sahara is certainly mapped

track their journey online...



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and many crisscross the Sahara with the aid of beast and machine, no one has attempted to traverse it using human power. And, not many believe it is even attainable. These skeptics do not know Charlie Engle or his team.

Brother Engle has participated in over 100 triathlons, 40 marathons, and 20 endurance races. He won the 2003 Gobi March, a seven-day, 150-mile trek through the Gobi Desert where participants carry their own supplies on their backs. Ray and Kevin won similar events in the Sahara and Atacama Deserts, respectively. Even with such experiences under their belts, there is no way to physically train for running the Sahara Desert. It will be just as much a test of will and tenacity as it will be a test of physical ability.

During the first leg of the race, running commences at 5:00 a.m. and lasts for nearly 12 hours. Once they reach the hottest parts of the desert, they will race in the early morning until 11:00 a.m.

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They will then rest until 4:00 p.m. and run until late in the evening. You can track their journey by visiting [www.runningthesahara.com](http://www.runningthesahara.com). At [www.charlieengle.com](http://www.charlieengle.com) you can learn more about Charlie and the run. Visit [charlieengle.blogspot.com](http://charlieengle.blogspot.com) and you can read Charlie's daily blogs from the Sahara (as if there isn't enough to do during the day!). A film crew is following the runners and shooting footage for an upcoming documentary on the race.

## And Not Just a Run

In addition to etching their names in history, Charlie and company are running for a very important cause—water. As you might expect there is little to no water in the Sahara, and yet there are hundreds of nomadic tribes living in the desert. Some groups spend two hours each day searching for clean water. You might say to yourself, "Why not leave the desert and go where water is abundant?" Sadly, this does happen.

Nomadic people do flock to the cities of Northern Africa in search of water, and, as it turns out, they cannot adapt to urban living. Poverty, homelessness, crime, and HIV/AIDS outbreaks are byproducts of this phenomenon. Clean water in the desert would lessen the situation, and there is a vast water aquifer underneath the desert. Brother Engle believes that every person on the planet is entitled to air to breathe and clean water to drink. "That is not the case in many parts of the world, and I want to help find a solution," he said.

Charlie, Ray and Kevin have a lot riding on their success. They hope to raise money to build water wells for the indigenous people in the Sahara Desert. Finish the race, and they bring more attention and resources to North Africa. This is second to their desire to capture the imagination of the world. They hope to show there are no limits to what the human body can accomplish with a Sound Mind and a Sound Body. Finish the race, and they leave no doubts. I wonder what they are doing at this very moment?



## TRAGOS 2006 Quest to Greece

# One Brother's Journey

BY PAUL MYOUNG,  
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Indifference sunk in the day before Arhens. I wasn't sure how I felt about leaving the safety of commercialized American consumer culture. This felt like the weekend family camping trip you *had* to go on with your clan of nameless relatives and annoying cousins. Too late. It felt like first-day-of-school jitters. I was checking off material from the prep list like an executive chef the day before Christmas.

What was wrong with me? I should feel unbridled excitement and pee-in-my-pants joy to be picked from a 400-plus qualified lot of proud Brothers. I should be bragging to friends, ex-girlfriends, calling past Brothers who disagreed with my performance, and rubbing it all into the rest of Greek life on campus. I remained in limbo with an uncertain taste, clearly aware of what I was *supposed* to feel and noticing how I *actually* felt.

I made a few phone calls, sent some e-mails, but there were neither horns playing nor magic in the air. Was I worthy—or even ready—for this “life-changing” gift? More importantly, was this cold feeling natural or downright wrong? There wasn't a particular dislike or enthusiasm for the trip, and *that* was the problem. I reached the proverbial endpoint of the honored Leadership Continuum, and the only thought racing through my mind was fear—fear of the unknown, fear of lack of direction, fear of “becoming” myself.

Thinking back on freshman year, I wanted so much and knew so little. I wanted to find my passion in life, learn the tools to actualize my vision, and revolutionize my little world. It's safe to say that joining this Fraternity made the difference, all corniness aside. Call me greedy, but I wanted more, expected

more. I was young, impressionable, and hungry—living in the fastest city in the world. What more was I going to do as a Brother and an individual to quit expecting more and start taking action? When was I going to stop analyzing and, as faculty mentor David Graziano simply yet most eloquently insisted, “Grow!”

I realized it was time to stop thinking and begin operating.

“There is  
no value  
in career  
success  
if you  
fail in life.”

—Professor  
Charles Handy

Everyone has fears but as another mentor told me, “The most dangerous person is the fearful, for he is the most to be feared.” At the time, nodding my head and acknowledging his wisdom was what I did, as so many of us tend to do. But months later, his words about grappling fear crept back into my life. Any honest leader will acknowledge his fears, at least to himself. And with this, he may stop at no cost to overcome his fear. However, courage is not the absence of fear, but the active conquest of

it. Then it hit me: the flame that sustains the furnace of influential leadership is action. Whereas fear is merely a feeling—an idea—virtue, diligence, and brotherly love are actions.

I understood that the *Tragos Quest* was my chance to take *action*.

I don't recall the moment when my defense was softened, but it didn't happen until a few days into the *Quest*. Now, at this point, many of you are expecting the details and penetrating experiences on the *Tragos Quest to Greece*. There may one day be a way to adequately achieve this within a thousand-word *Journal* article. However, with the lack of space and my inexperience in writing prose, the words would simply confuse and aggravate your sense of loss, but this is not the point of this piece. You all have lived through the

hardships of first impressions and may have experienced the wonderful thrills in building meaningful and lasting relationships. You are on your own *Quest*, but may not realize it.

After success, what's next? Success usually describes achieving a goal to appropriate effect, but why stop there when life continues to present opportunities for further success? Why be appeased with the end-point when the taste of success is so

addicting? SigEp builds leaders for the world's communities, but leadership does not necessitate success. Where leaders beget leaders, success begets success, and SigEp is giving each Brother simply that: the *chance* to succeed. Each Brother takes his individual authority toward success in any field, whether it is toward becoming a leader is your decision.





# Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

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Of course, other definitions of leadership exist beyond the Jack Welch and Keith Ferrazzis of our time, but recognizing this untapped power and igniting its potential are where many of us—including myself—lack the confidence, support, and diligence to take the needed action. This is what fraternalism embodies, and thus the potential level your quest may reach.

The *Tragos Quest to Greece* didn't solely teach me the qualities of leadership or success; rather, it gave me the needed chance to act on everything that I've come to believe, envision, and desire to become. No one *needs* a *Quest to Greece* to benefit from the countless chances SigEp creates for its brotherhood—whether on a national, chapter, or alumni level. But I think I did. I let myself feel close, vulnerable, by entrusting my feelings and opinions to strangers. I was comatose to the true nature and mutual love of those around me. By the end of the *Quest*, after experiencing our sacred Ritual in Greece, it was clear that the same blood flowed through our veins. I realized that the *next step* after success was simply where we began: realizing its significance.

To let any success go without passing on significance would be to lose the very essence of it. To neglect the opportunity to convey the *Quest's* significance would be to understate its importance. The significance of the *Quest to Greece* was that, for the very first time in my life, I felt confident in knowing myself.

I grew.

It's now time to feed this hunger I felt four years ago. We all have the moral agency to take action in ourselves and—with and for our SigEp Brothers—proudly succeed in overcoming fears, embracing our vulnerabilities, and promote the significance of the love we believe and protect. It is time to take action. It is time to succeed. It is time to grow more.

## National GPA Tops 3.0 for the Spring, 49 Chapters in Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

At the time of printing, 176 chapters reported grades for Spring, 2006. More reports will arrive in the coming weeks. Look for a more complete list for Spring, 2006, in the next issue of *The Journal*. Congratulations to our chapters with a 3.15 GPA or higher. They help boost the national average of the Fraternity toward a 3.15.

### Spring, 2006, GPA for 176 chapters reporting: 3.01

NAME	GPA	RANK	MANPOWER
1. MIT	3.6	n/a	16
2. Yale	3.58	n/a	81
3. Dartmouth	3.52	n/a	97
4. Colorado	3.5	1/15	51
5. Bucknell	3.48	1/12	84
6. U. of Miami (Florida)	3.43	1/10	61
7. American	3.42	1/11	18
8. Vanderbilt	3.41	1/16	52
9. Ohio State*	3.4	2/31	78
10. Northwestern*	3.39	14/18	108
11. Muhlenberg	3.38	1/4	37
12. Duke	3.34	9/16	70
13. Florida*	3.34	6/25	146
14. U. of Toledo*	3.34	n/a	66
15. Valparaiso*	3.34	1/9	66
16. California-Berkeley	3.33	6/35	39
17. Tufts	3.33	2/9	53
18. Washington U. in St. Louis	3.33	n/a	79
19. Illinois*	3.32	3/45	155
20. Utah	3.32	1/8	23
21. Stevens Tech	3.31	5/8	42
22. North Dakota*	3.29	1/13	56
23. Oregon State	3.29	2/25	84
24. Washington	3.29	10/28	32
25. St. Louis U.	3.28	1/13	94
26. Virginia	3.28	8/32	54
27. U. of Richmond*	3.28	1/7	85
28. Johns Hopkins	3.27	3/11	75
29. Arizona State	3.26	1/20	22
30. Miami U. (Ohio)*	3.26	1/26	113
31. Wisconsin*	3.26	10/37	121
32. Loyola Marymount	3.25	n/a	112
33. Maryland	3.25	3/23	49
34. Carnegie Mellon*	3.23	3/12	67
35. Creighton	3.21	3/5	87
36. Susquehanna	3.21	5/10	30
37. Babson	3.21	1/4	48
38. Louisiana State*	3.21	1/23	95
39. Southern California	3.2	6/19	70
40. Pennsylvania	3.2	18/28	62
41. Wyoming	3.19	2/8	30
42. Murray State	3.19	1/13	65
43. U. of Cincinnati*	3.19	2/31	91
44. Kansas State	3.18	4/25	81
45. Alaska Anchorage	3.16	1/2	17
46. Quinnipiac	3.16	1/4	37
47. Clarkson	3.16	3/10	45
48. Delaware	3.15	1/18	64
49. Tennessee-Martin	3.15	1/2	59

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Spring '05

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#### Key:

■ 3.5 Chapter-wide GPA: Phi Beta Kappa Standard

\* Residential Learning Community

*Italics denotes a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC)*

# Florida Alumnus Nears 100 Years Old, Shares Tips on Longevity

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**T**he 20<sup>th</sup> initiate of the Florida Alpha chapter at the University of Florida has a birthday coming up this December.

This annual celebration is becoming old-hat for a guy who remembers with utmost clarity the first man on the moon, and, not to show his age, but the dropping of the atomic bomb and a certain baseball game he attended in New York where a “Mr. Ruth” hit one out of the park.

**Robert P. Majors, '28**, (and soon to hit triple digits), has also seen the rise of the nation's largest fraternity and helped give birth, as a Founding Father, to the historically largest chapter in the Fraternity (see page 35 for the Top 30 Listing).

Between 1924 and 1928, Majors said he saw the chapter almost double in size—at a time when the main road on campus, University Avenue, was still unpaved, and the undergraduate population topped out around 1,500.

Not surprisingly, the standards of excellence fostered in the expansion were no different in 1924 than they are 82 years later.

“They were all real sharp guys with a good reputation and active in campus affairs—and that’s what made it attractive to me,” he said. “We soon became one of the elite locals on campus.”

## Sound Mind and Sound Body Secrets of His Longevity

Majors is a strong proponent of the Sound Mind and Sound Body philosophy, a major benefactor to his ever-increasing lifespan.

“I try to eat a balanced diet,” he said. “Been married to the same sweet lady for 73 years...that helps...she knows what I like.”

Majors also stressed the importance of keeping his mind sharp with daily crossword puzzles in the *Charlotte Observer*

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(sans the Sunday puzzle, which he calls “near impossible”) and constant reading.

“I ride an indoor bike and read a book at the same time,” he said, proud of his ability to kill two birds with one stone.

“The doctor’s been telling me for years I only have one year left to live...so gotta make the most of the time while I can.”

He also said he swam for years, until the chlorine began to have adverse effects.

Majors said he was poor as a church mouse in 1928, and moved to Charlotte after graduation in response to an accounting firm’s advertisement that offered a first-year salary of \$125 per month. Before the move, he had the opportunity to meet Founder **Thomas V. McCaul, Richmond 1903**, though the relationship was brief.

“I was a Methodist—still am—and he was a Baptist preacher at the church closest to campus,” Majors said. “I went

“It is not living that is important, but living rightly.”

—Socrates



one day to see him; he preached for over an hour and that got the best of me.”

Dredging up memories of his time in the fraternity house, Majors recalled, “It was a shipping offense—which means you get kicked out—if you took a girl on the second floor or brought up liquor of any sort...and we didn’t challenge it.”

He also recalled the night he and three other Brothers stayed up all night playing bridge, that he missed his initiation because of a sprained ankle he received fighting over a barrel of oranges, and that his roommate was lucky enough, in 1924, to have a radio and every night they would listen (with head-phones, of course) to a station out of Coldwater, Michigan.

“The Fraternity was an enjoyable experience and one that helped me a lot,” he said. “I was elected editor of the F-book, the student handbook, in 1926, and then the annual [yearbook] in 1928.”

Majors offered three tips for living as long as he has: continual exercise of both body and mind, healthy eating and finding someone to spend your days with.

# New Column: SigEp Experts Focus on Balance, Fitness

Brothers Frank Butterfield and Rod Raymond will share their tips on developing a Sound Mind and Sound Body in each issue of *The Journal*. The following are some universal tips for fitness, nutrition and wellness, meant to reinforce healthy habits and can be used by SigEps of any age.

**FRANK BUTTERFIELD,**  
Southern California '83,

Brother Butterfield joined SigEp during his junior year at the University of Southern California. Over the last 25 years, he has been extremely active in the fitness industry. A former Nike contract athlete, Frank was a member of Nike's development team for the Speed, Agility, and Quickness training program, and created Nike's United States launch program for their cross-training products. From there, he was contracted by the American Council on Exercise as a motivational speaker. Currently he maintains his accreditation as a certified exercise specialist, is member of the Board of Fitness Advisors for the Las Vegas Athletic Clubs, a coach for a local triathlon club, and the dry land coach for a local high school hockey team. Frank facilitates at SigEp events including the EDGE, Ruck Leadership Institute and the Grand Chapter Conclave.



**ROD RAYMOND,**  
Arizona State '87

Today Rod is one of the few American Council on Exercise (ACE) Master Personal Trainers in the United States. He is the Wellness Director at the University of Minnesota, a 19-time Ironman Triathlon finisher, two-time Olympic trials participant, and international champion of the Scottish Coast-to-Coast, the Trans Swiss, and the Border-to-Border. Upon winning the Swiss Gigathlon, Rod was noted among the fittest athletes in the world. He has shared his philosophy that life should be lived "inside out vs. outside in" to thousands of people throughout the world with his books, videos and seminars. Rod authored several books including "Becoming Your Own Personal Trainer, the CD-ROM—Quick Stretch" and "Total Body Stretch" video. Rod continues his work with SigEp since joining as a Renaissance Brother in 2004 (at the age of 39) and was appointed SigEp's National Fitness and Wellness Advisor in at the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave.



## Know your body

### Fitness

1. Make it a priority—schedule a meeting with yourself each day.
2. Be consistent—stick to your program.
3. Think about the long-term commitment—create a life-style.
4. Variation—mix it up; don't do the same thing...do it all rather than just one activity (i.e., lift weights, run, bike, etc.).
5. Continually challenge yourself.

### Nutrition

1. Eat frequent smaller meals (at least five).
2. Appropriate portion size (fist).
3. Eat real foods (whole foods vs. supplements).
4. Colorful foods—make your plate a bouquet of fresh food (variety).
5. No trans fats—fried foods, chips, sweets, crackers, margarine.

### Wellness

1. Sleep—when you wake up, get up (everyone is different).
2. Take time for meditation...reflect.
3. Have relationships.
4. Be confident.
5. Give something back (do for others).

**"Heaven never helps the man who will not act."**

—Sophocles

**Check out these links for more men's health tips:**

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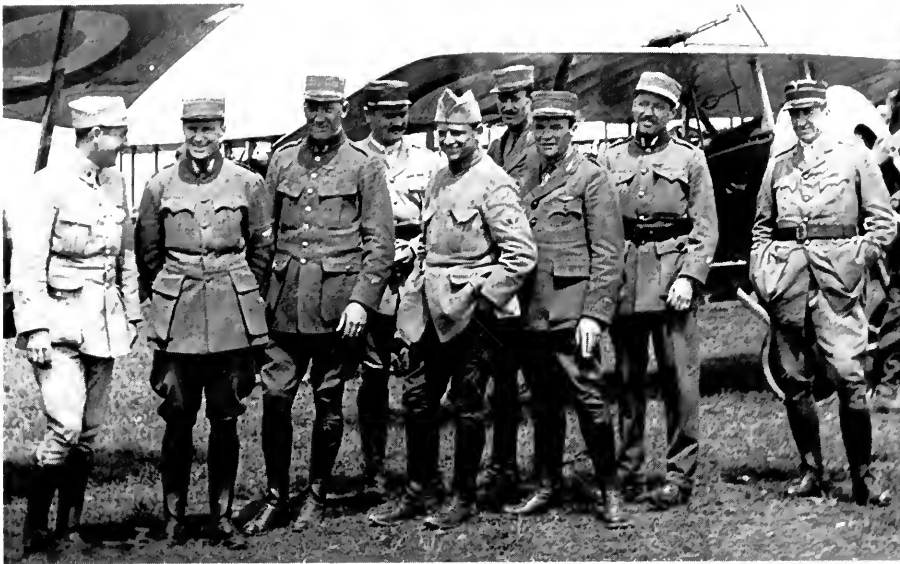
THE  
**Daring Life**  
*of*  
**Kiffin Yates Rockwell**

*Lafayette Escadrille Pioneer, Idealist and SigEp*

ERIN D. MULLALLY,  
Michigan State '99

In a sweaty New Orleans in early August 1914, the office of the French consulate received an unusual letter. Two young American brothers had written to volunteer for the French army, which just days earlier had entered WWI. Although the United States would not officially enter the war until 1917, the brothers were passionate to participate – so passionate that only days after mailing the letter they were en route to France from New York City on the steamship “St. Paul.” The bold behavior was typical of **Paul Ayres Rockwell, Washington & Lee, 1911** and **Kiffin Yates Rockwell, Washington & Lee, 1911**, two of the very first Americans to volunteer in WWI.





"Escadrille Americaine (Lafayette Escadrille) during Battle of Verdun, July 1916." Left to right: Charles Johnson, Laurence Rumsey, James R. McConnell, William Thaw, Raoul Lufbery, Kiffin Rockwell, Didier Masson, Norman Prince, Bert Hall. Photo by Paul A. Rockwell.



Brother Rockwell testing his machine-gun prior to a flight over the Verdun battlefield, July 1916. Plane is a Nieuport.

Paul and Kiffin spent their youth primarily in rural South Carolina. In the fall of 1908, Paul left home to enroll at Washington & Lee. A few weeks after arriving on campus, he was recruited and immediately initiated by the recently formed Virginia Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Paul proved to be an active member and quickly developed a reputation for being able to successfully recruit the best men on campus. Naturally this included Kiffin, who in 1909 joined Paul at Washington & Lee.

From Washington & Lee the brothers eventually found their way to Atlanta, where Paul began working as a reporter at the *Atlanta Constitution* and Kiffin entered the advertising business. The brothers were well established in Atlanta at the time war broke out in 1914.

## Answering the call

Why were the Rockwell Brothers willing to put their lives on hold and leave to fight for the French? Paul and Kiffin felt their family roots deeply and could trace them all the way back to medieval France. As *The Journal* wrote in 1916, they wanted to "answer to the call of the blood of their ancestors." Paul and Kiffin also knew their family's strong history of military service. Two notable ancestors served as officers under George Washington in the American Revolution, while both of their grandfathers fought with distinction on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Once in France, Paul and Kiffin enlisted with the French Foreign Legion as part of the first group of volunteers accepted by France to fight. In October 1914, after only a month of training, they were sent into the trenches, where they had to survive in severe weather conditions,

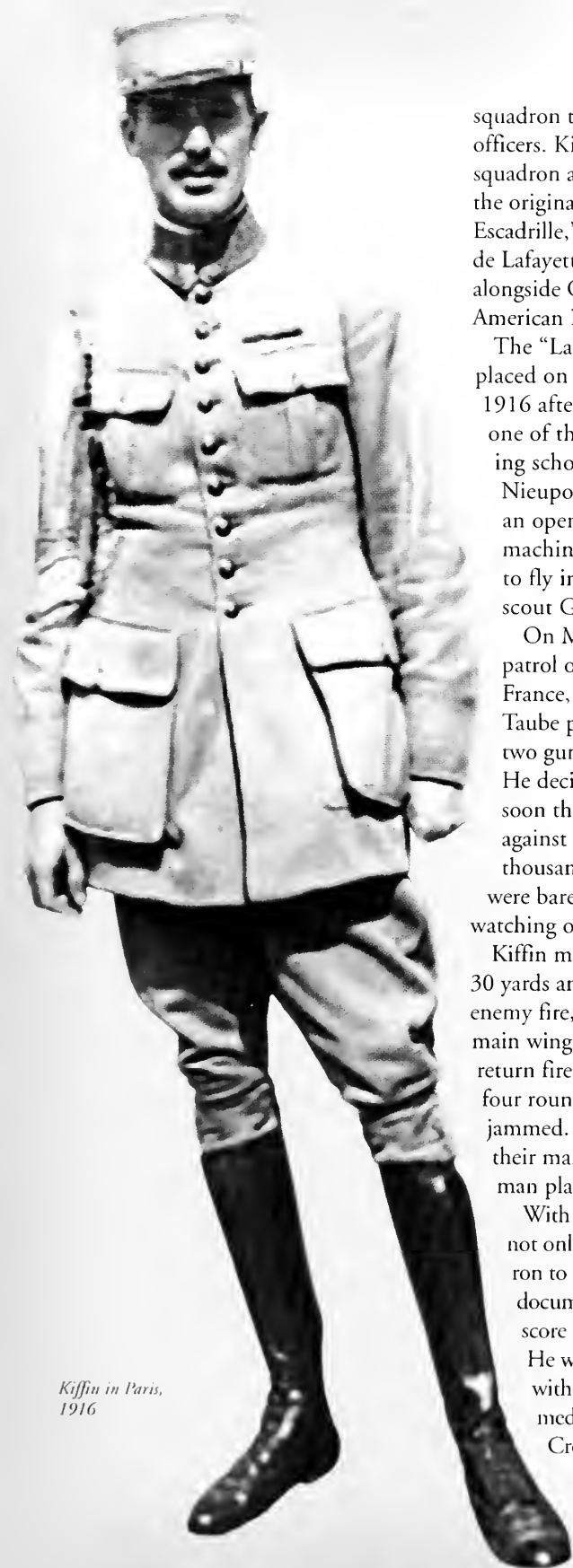
guard against the threat of disease, and dodge constant enemy fire.

In December of 1914, while he was participating in a bayonet charge, Paul was blown back into his trench by a shell blast. He broke his collar bone which made carrying his load of nearly 70 pounds of equipment plus his rifle extremely painful. He had also developed a severe case of pneumonia and when he was finally ordered to a military hospital in Paris, he was judged unfit for further combat.

Kiffin remained at the front until the spring of 1915, when he was severely wounded in his thigh.

After several months of hospitalization and rehabilitation efforts, he had every reason to think that his days of participating in the war were over.

But then Kiffin found his new calling. As he was recovering, the French government approved the formation of an all-American flight



*Kiffin in Paris,  
1916*

squadron to be commanded by French officers. Kiffin heard about the new squadron and was accepted as one of the original pilots in the "Lafayette Escadrille," named after the Marquis de Lafayette who fought as a volunteer alongside George Washington in the American Revolution.

The "Lafayette Escadrille" was placed on front-line duty in April of 1916 after successfully completing one of the world's first flight training schools. Flying in a small Nieuport single-seater plane with an open cockpit and a mounted machine gun, Kiffin was assigned to fly in the first patrol sent out to scout German troop movements.

On May 18, 1916, while on patrol over the Alsace region of France, Kiffin spotted a German Taube plane carrying a pilot and two gunners inside French lines. He decided to engage the plane and soon they were manoeuvring against one another in the clouds, thousands of feet in the air. They were barely visible to the two armies watching on the battlefield below.

Kiffin managed to approach within 30 yards and was hit with a burst of enemy fire, which severed his plane's main wing spar. When he managed to return fire, he was only able to fire four rounds before his machine gun jammed. Those four bullets found their marks, however, and the German plane went down.

With this victory, Kiffin became not only the first pilot in his squadron to engage in battle, but the first documented American to ever score a victory in aerial combat. He was subsequently recognized with several French military medals, including the coveted Croix de Guerre.

Kiffin didn't rest on his achievement, and less than a

week later he was wounded in the face by an explosive bullet during another "dog fight." He somehow managed to land his plane safely and refused to enter the hospital for his wounds. Kiffin actually seemed emboldened by this experience and was more willing than ever to fly. "When flights were accomplished, he would set out again...barely allowing his mechanic time to refill his tanks," his squadron Captain later remarked. During rare breaks, Kiffin would visit Paul in Paris, who had since begun work as a war correspondent with the *Chicago Daily News*.

## Engaging the Germans

Kiffin's reputation grew as he continued fighting against more German planes. When he was in the air, enemy pilots many times preferred to quickly land rather than face him. In a single month Kiffin engaged in thirty-four fights and logged more hours in the air than any other pilot in the French army. His victories won him the rank of sergeant.

On the morning of September 23, 1916, he was in his plane taking observations to help guide the French troops below when he sighted a German Albatross plane across the sky. He immediately engaged it and began firing, but while turning to encircle his opponent he was directly hit by the enemy's fire and was killed instantly.

The announcement of Kiffin's death was received later that day by his mother in a cablegram. Just hours before, Mrs. Rockwell had received a letter from Kiffin telling her about his recent leave that he had spent in Paris with Paul.



*The insignia of the  
Lafayette Escadrille*



He was buried two days later, with full military honors, in the cemetery at Luxeuil-les-Bains, France. The French government posthumously promoted him to lieutenant, making him one of the few Americans in the French service ever to achieve commissioned rank.

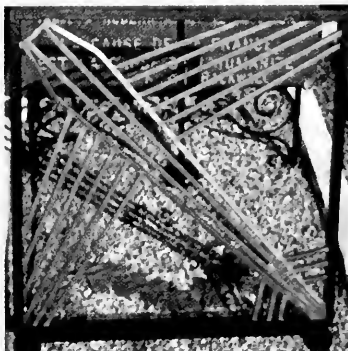
"Kiffin ignored danger and fear. He went into combat as to a ball," wrote the French magazine *L'Illustration* as Kiffin's death drew reaction around the world. President Theodore Roosevelt called him a "Lafayette of the Air." Aviation camps and airfields were named after him. Various American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars chapters also took his name.

The Virginia Epsilon chapter was granted special permission to place a tablet in Kiffin's memory in the Robert E. Lee memorial chapel on Washington & Lee's campus where it can be seen today. Eventually 25 members of Virginia Epsilon fought overseas in WWI.

Paul continued his work as a war correspondent in Paris and in 1925 was medically cleared to once again volunteer for the French army. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Force in North Africa, Sicily, and western Europe. He is the only American to be decorated with three French Croix de Guerre military medals.

Later in life, Brother Rockwell authored several books and published a volume of letters that Kiffin had written home to family and friends.

"I think that every Sigma Phi Epsilon brother can learn a great lesson from Kiffin...his was a life of purpose and bravery," Paul wrote to William "Uncle Billy" Phillips in 1916.



*In July 2001, outside the town of Roderen, France, a ceremony commemorating the life of Kiffin began with a fly-over by jet fighters of today's Lafayette Escadrille of the French Air Force. Standing L-R: Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force General T. Michael Moseley and the Chief of Staff of the French Air Force General Stephane Abrial. Paul Rockwell's son Kenneth Rockwell is in front of Gen. Moseley setting flowers down on his uncle's grave. Kiffin's gravesite; photo of Kiffin's gravesite from 1916.*

*In July 2001, a new marker on the site where Kiffin Yates Rockwell was shot down was unveiled outside the town of Roderen, France. The ceremony began with a fly-over by jet fighters of today's Lafayette Escadrille of the French Air Force.*

*WJK Rockwell, M.D., Paul's son and Kiffin's nephew, visits the area often. "The French still remember, appreciate and honor the Lafayette Escadrille volunteers in a touching way, as if they were guardian angels hovering over their towns," he shares.*

*Many thanks to Dr. Rockwell and his daughter Marcelle for their assistance with this article.*



# Tribute to Bill Hindman

## *A r c h i t e c t o f S i g E p G r o w t h*

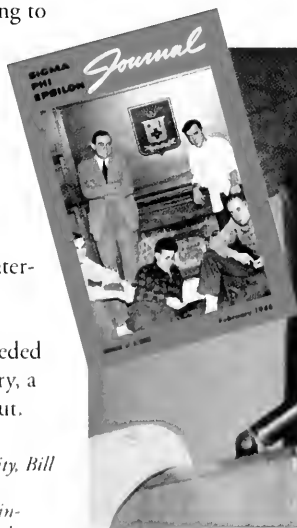
BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,  
Southern Mississippi '99

*[Editor's Note] As a younger alumnus, I never knew the name of William W. "Bill" Hindman, nor did I know the pivotal role he played in helping shape Sigma Phi Epsilon into the Fraternity it is today. After publishing his obituary in the last issue of the Journal, I received phone calls and emails from alumni of the Virginia Beta Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University. They knew Bill. He would spend afternoons with these Brothers while they were undergraduates. He told them of his history with the Fraternity. And after reading the latest issue of The Journal, these alumni contacted me and asked that a fitting tribute be published about a Brother who drove SigEp to greatness.*

*"In 1942, Robert S. White, President of Pennsylvania Delta declared that while scarcely three years had passed since Bill Hindman had graduated and left the house, he was already becoming a tradition with the chapter. Because of his unceasing interest in his Fraternity, the Pennsylvania boys thought, taken together with his timely and sage advice and genial personality, Bill would never be forgotten at Penn Delta. 'It is the feeling of the boys at the chapter,' wrote White, 'that just as he has become a tradition to them, so also will he become, before long, a tradition to Sigma Phi Epsilon as a national organization.'" Journal Editor **John Robson, Lawrence '28**, from the November, 1944, issue.*

It was January, 1942, and the United States was one month into World War II. In Richmond, **Bill Hindman, Pennsylvania '39**, reported to the Central Office to begin work as a field secretary (today known as Regional Director). He replaced **Charles F. Pulley, Ohio Wesleyan '39**, who left for the Navy. Uncle Billy, our first Grand Secretary, was preparing to retire in September after 34 years in that position. He spent his entire professional career devoted to growing our Fraternity, and now it was time for retirement. The rolls stood at 68 chapters, 10th among fraternities. We were a young and excited Fraternity, one which stood on the cusp of greatness. **Herbert F. Heilig, Lawrence '21**, succeeded Uncle Billy as Grand Secretary, a short-lived term as it turns out.

*In addition to growing the Fraternity, Bill Hindman knew that service to the undergraduate chapter went hand-in-hand with sustained growth. Journal covers from the 1940s and 1950s show Bill visiting chapters new and old.*



*From the 1953 Journal, Grand Secretary Hindman reports to the Conclave on the state of the Fraternity.*

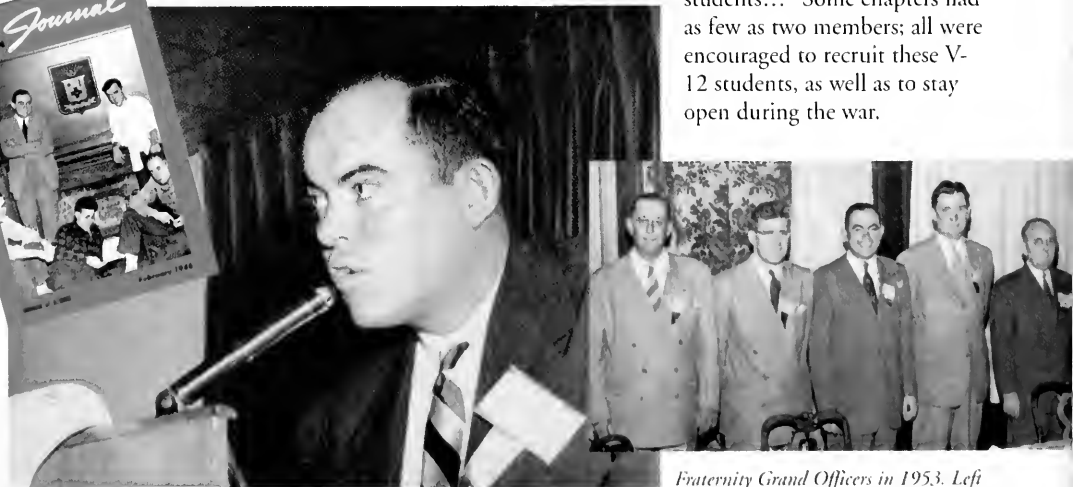
Brother Heilig would resign unexpectedly in 1944, setting the stage for Brother Hindman to step into the role and forever change the face of our Fraternity. He was 26 years old.

In retrospect, it was such a pivotal time. On the one hand, it marked the end of Uncle Billy's tenure on staff, a tenure marked with many successes. He was Sigma Phi Epsilon, and his mark will never be forgotten. On the other, we were in the midst of the Second World War. With thousands of men enlisting in the armed forces, Brother Hindman's first challenge was manpower. There was simply no one on campus to recruit. Would all of the work of Uncle Billy be undone?

### Sigma Phi Epsilon to the Forefront

In his inaugural report as Grand Secretary published in the November, 1944 *Journal*, Brother Hindman wrote, "The manpower situation for us is going to remain very poor for at least the next six months. At the present time, most of the Army college units have been called out. Nearly all student deferments have been cancelled and no large group remains on the campuses except the Navy V-12

students..." Some chapters had as few as two members; all were encouraged to recruit these V-12 students, as well as to stay open during the war.



*Fraternity Grand Officers in 1953. Left to right: Charles F. Stewart, Florida '29; J. Russell Pratt, Michigan '39; Brother Hindman; then Grand President Robert W. Kelly, NYU '29; and Edwin Buchanan, Ohio State 1911*

## Vision is the true creative rhythm.

— Robert Delaunay

This state of atrophy must have been torture to a man like Bill Hindman. His chapter Brothers lovingly described him as the best rushing chairman ever to come to campus. He had an ivy-league mind, and as a graduate of the prestigious Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, he had big ideas on how to streamline the operations of the Fraternity. He also had big ideas on how to grow the Fraternity. He did not just want to return to the good old days before the war, he wanted to transform the Fraternity from a good Fraternity to the greatness we are ascribed today. His slogan, "Sigma Phi Epsilon's post-war plan is to rebuild now," became a mantra for us during his service to the Fraternity. In those days, it was unknown how long the war would last, but the Fraternity held on in hopes of better times. And those, as it turns out, were soon to come.

Following the war, thousands of G.I.'s returned home and enrolled in college. Bill and **Frank J. Ruck, Michigan '46**, then Assistant to the Grand Secretary, saw the opportunity to realize Bill's vision. They pushed for aggressive growth by establishing new chapters on campuses overflowing in male enrollment. It was not common practice for fraternities to open chapters on these campuses. Many were teachers colleges before the outbreak of the war. The strategy paid off, as Sigma Phi Epsilon chartered 67 new chapters and revived seven dormant chapters in the 14 years of Bill's tenure. Brother Ruck commented, "I wrote more [chartering] petitions in a hotel room at night than you can shake a stick at."

Bill Hindman left the staff in January 1957, after 15 years of service. At that time Sigma Phi Epsilon stood at 142 chapters, more than twice its size in 1942. This period of expansion has not seen its equal. Months later, the position of Grand Secretary would be restructured at the 1957 Grand Chapter Conclave in St. Louis, resulting in the position of Executive Director.

Brother Hindman spent the next few decades living in the historic Fan District near the original location of Richmond College and the present home of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). He befriended the Brothers of the Virginia Beta Chapter and would spend afternoons with them in Monroe Park next to campus. In 1990, he moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. At the 1995 Grand Chapter Conclave in Orlando, Florida, Sigma Phi Epsilon presented him with a commemorative plaque in honor of the path he put our Fraternity on. Brother Hindman had the vision and helped engineer our greatest period of growth. And that helped make us who we are today. His legacy is one that benefited us all.

### Chapters Rechartered During Bill Hindman's Tenure

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE	FOUNDING YEAR/ RECHARTERING YEAR	LIFETIME MEMBERS
1. U. of Pittsburgh	1903/1949	518
2. Arkansas	1907/1949	1727
3. Minnesota	1916/1949	927
4. North Carolina	1921/1947	1263
5. Middlebury	1925/1949	639
6. Washington U. in St. Louis	1929/1949	1109
7. Indiana	1931/1947	2003

*Italics denote chapter is currently dormant*

### 67 Chapters Chartered During Bill Hindman's Tenure

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE	FOUNDING DATE	LIFETIME MEMBERS
1. Wyoming	5/1/1943	476
2. Rutgers	1/15/1944	1277
3. U. of Tulsa	5/26/1946	220
4. Oklahoma	6/1/1946	1768
5. Missouri-Rolla	5/10/1947	1131
6. U. of Louisville	5/17/1947	562
7. California-Santa Barbara	6/15/1947	1160
8. San Diego State	11/16/1947	1333
9. Marshall	12/6/1947	1270
10. Baldwin-Wallace	3/13/1948	1017
11. Illinois Institute of Technology	4/24/1948	966
12. Drake	5/9/1948	1158
13. Monmouth	5/22/1948	954
14. Maine	5/30/1948	992
15. Thiel	11/12/1948	854
16. Miami U. (Ohio)	12/4/1948	1773
17. Bradley	1/9/1949	1119
18. Stetson	2/12/1949	893
19. Davis & Elkins	3/19/1949	906
20. U. of Memphis	4/2/1949	940
21. Maryland-College Park	5/7/1949	932
22. Drury	5/14/1949	411
23. U. of Miami (FL)	5/21/1949	962
24. Florida Southern	5/28/1949	506
25. U. of Cincinnati	7/30/1949	1456
26. Utah	2/25/1950	739
27. Florida State	5/16/1950	1727
28. Vermont	5/27/1950	1015
29. U. of Toledo	9/30/1950	1320
30. Boston U.	11/11/1950	646
31. Bowling Green State	12/9/1950	1540
32. Washburn	2/3/1951	889
33. Emporia State	2/10/1951	1104
34. Nebraska-Omaha	2/17/1951	1122
35. Indiana U. of Pennsylvania	1/5/1952	572
36. Arizona State	2/16/1952	1450
37. MIT	2/22/1952	942
38. Culver Stockton	3/15/1952	522
39. Oklahoma City	5/3/1952	159
40. North Texas	5/10/1952	1270
41. Wisconsin-Stevens Point	12/6/1952	438
42. Northern Colorado	12/13/1952	654
43. Ball State	2/21/1953	1803
44. High Point	3/21/1953	145
45. Kent State	4/25/1953	689
46. Lenoir Rhyne	5/9/1953	392
47. Southern Mississippi	5/16/1953	707
48. U. of Tampa	5/23/1953	716
49. Southeast Missouri State	12/5/1953	1292
50. SUNY-Buffalo	4/10/1954	802
51. East Tennessee State	4/10/1954	964
52. Arizona	5/8/1954	1448
53. Henderson State	5/15/1954	761
54. Indiana State	5/15/1954	1233
55. Youngstown State	5/22/1954	812
56. Morningside	5/22/1954	394
57. Texas Christian	2/5/1955	629
58. Arkansas State	2/26/1955	1092
59. U. of Evansville	3/12/1955	1078
60. Georgia State	5/21/1955	392
61. Western Michigan	11/19/1955	1400
62. U. of Houston	2/4/1956	655
63. Central Michigan	3/17/1956	1229
64. U. of Detroit	4/21/1956	746
65. Valparaiso	5/5/1956	1245
66. Parsons	5/5/1956	382
67. Connecticut	12/8/1956	1061

*Italics denote chapter is currently dormant*



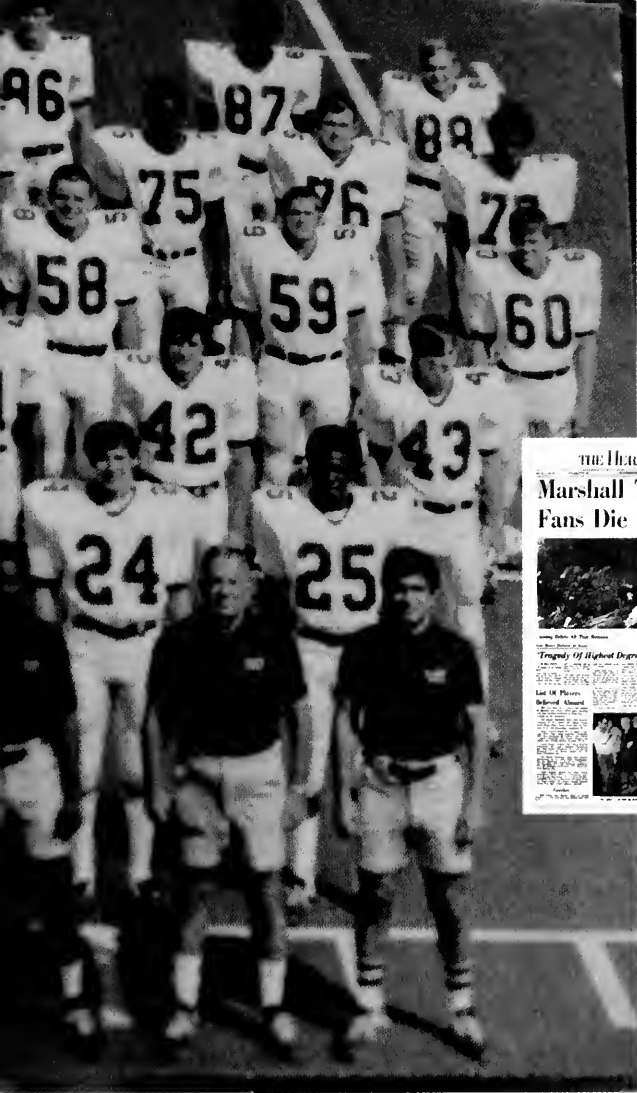
A story that needs to be told

# Tragedy, Victory and SigEp

BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II  
Southern Mississippi '99

You don't have to go far in Huntington, West Virginia, to see the pride this city has for its college football team. Just off of Interstate 64 is a sign listing the years the Thundering Herd of Marshall University won national titles in I-AA ('92 and '96), Mid-American Conference ('97, '98, '99, '00, and '02), and its undefeated season ('98). Another sign proudly states Marshall: The Winningest College Football Team in the 1990s. From billboards to bumper stickers, from students to businessmen, you will see and hear the cry, "Go Herd!"

The city is like many with schools with an historic football program, but there is more to this city's love of football. Marshall endured the most tragic accident in college sports history, which nearly ended its football program. On November 14, 1970, a chartered plane carrying the football team, coaches, and supporters crashed in the woods near the Tri-State airport. All passengers died; among those were four SigEps and the parents of a Brother.



"You don't know what to say in those moments. All I could say to them was, 'I'm sorry for what happened.'"

It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life."

– Floyd Harlow, '74



On Nov. 14, 1970, a plane carrying 75 people, including Marshall's football team, coaches, staff, community members and flight crew, crashed near the Huntington Tri-State Airport on a return trip following the Thundering Herd's game against East Carolina. All on board were killed, including SigEp Brothers Stuart Cottrell, #43, and Tommy Howard, #60.

The Nov. 15, 1970, edition of The Herald-Advertiser brought the devastating news.

Mourners pay their respects on Nov. 15, 1970, during a memorial service at the Veterans Memorial Field House honoring the 75 people killed in a plane crash the night before at the Huntington Tri-State Airport.

Facing page: A memorial was placed on the 50-yard line of Fairfield Stadium.

FILE PHOTO: LEE BERNARD, COURTESY THE HERALD-DISPATCH

Defensive back **Stuart Cottrell**, '73, and offensive lineman **Tommy Howard**, '72, were the SigEp football players who died in the crash. City Councilman, **Murrill Ralsten**, '61, and his wife Helen were on board. Team physician Dr. **Ray Hagley**, '57, and his wife Shirley Ann were also on board. Finally, E.O. and Elaine Heath were the parents of **Geoff Heath**, '73.

**Scott Archer**, '74, **Floyd Harlow**, '74, **Hugh Ladd**, '73, and **Mike Rigny**, '74, were undergraduates at the time of the accident. They pledged the Fraternity earlier that fall and were barely 18 years old. Up until that point in their lives, they had no experience in death and loss. In an instant, they, and the rest of Huntington, were dealt both. Floyd remembers how the chapter volunteered to drive the families of the plane crash victims from the Uptowner Motel to the Memorial Field House for a service. "I drove the family of Bob Patterson to the memorial. You don't know what to say in those moments. All I could

say to them was, 'I'm sorry for what happened.' It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life."

In the wake of the tragedy, the Marshall administration wrestled with the notion of discontinuing the football program. How could the program endure with only the three varsity football players and an assistant coach who weren't on the plane? Jack Lengyel, the new coach, began rebuilding by holding walk-on tryouts for students interested in playing. It was an unlikely SigEp athlete who would play for the team and have a pivotal role in keeping football alive at Marshall.

## A Kicking Savant

**Blake Smith**, '74, played basketball and ran track, but far and away his best sport was soccer. The summer after graduating high school he played soccer in Europe. Soccer's obscurity in the U.S. at that time led Blake to channel his talents in other sports, but when he learned of the tryouts, Blake won-

dered what kind of a kicker he would make. He didn't follow football or attend any of the games. Yet he felt this was his way to help, and he set his sights on trying out. Strangely, it almost didn't happen.

Brother Smith missed tryouts because he didn't know they were taking place before he returned to school from summer break. When he showed up on campus for his sophomore year, the team already had its new kicker. After a loss on the road to Morehead State, the kicker left the team, and a new round of tryouts was scheduled. Blake got a second chance.

When Blake arrived at the field for the tryouts, he was the only one there. He thought he was early and began warming up. One of the coaches saw him on the field and soon he began to drill footballs through the uprights. Even from 55 yards out, Blake was not only putting them through the uprights, he was putting them in the stands. What Blake didn't know was that he showed up after the tryouts were

held and nearly missed his second chance to make the team. Before he showed up, the coaches hadn't found anyone suitable for the position. Now they had. This happened on Tuesday. Marshall's first home game since the plane crash was Saturday.

Blake buried his first field goal on the last play of the first half to put the Thundering Herd up three points on Xavier. In the second half Xavier went up 6-3 midway through the third quarter. Early in the fourth, Marshall responded with a touch-down, and when Blake kicked the point after, Xavier blocked it. Late in the fourth quarter, Xavier scored again with a touch-down putting Marshall behind 13-9. Blake agonized over his blocked point-after attempt. If he had made it, his team would just need to get within striking distance so he could tie the game up with a field goal. Now, Marshall needed to advance 52 yards to win with little more than one minute on the clock.

On the final play of the game, quarterback Reggie Oliver ran to the right with the defense chasing him. He then floated a pass to the left flat to Terry Gardner, and Gardner advanced into the endzone for the winning

"I put an ad in the school paper and said, 'Free room, board and tuition for anybody who can be our kicker,'" Lengyel says.

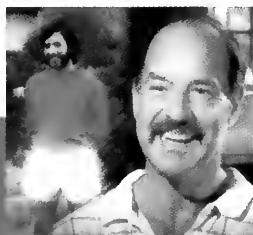
About 15 students showed up; none of the first 14 showed promise. The last kid on the field was wearing a soccer uniform and soccer shoes, had scraggly hair and a beard and said he had never played football.

"'Ba-wump!'" Lengyel says. "He kicks the fricking ball. You know that sound when a kicker hits it just right?"

Lengyel kept moving the kicker back, and the ball kept flying through the uprights.

"I said, 'Son, shave, get a haircut and you got a full scholarship,'" Lengyel says. "He showed up the next day, all clean, spanking new."

The student was Blake Smith.



Then and now: Blake Smith, '74, in 1973 and right, 2006

Read full story, [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com):  
Marshall Tragedy Finally Comes to Film



Above, left to right: Mike Rigney, '74; Hugh Ladd, '73; Scott Archer, '74; and Floyd Harlow, '74. Inset, left to right: Portraits of Stuart Cottrell and Tommy Howard are on display in the chapter room of the SigEp house.



touchdown. Marshall had won its first game after its tragedy and was on its way to keeping the football program alive.

## Then, Now, Forever...We Are Marshall

In a way Blake's effort helped save football at Marshall, but Brother Smith doesn't see his role as central to the history of the program. He sees it more as fate. "I missed



the first tryouts by two weeks and got a second chance. That just doesn't happen. I was the last to tryout for the kicking job and made the team. I missed that point after, and it forced us to go for the win. I was just a small part of it," he said.

On December 22, Warner Brothers will release the movie "We Are Marshall." It depicts the events surrounding the crash and the road to rebuilding the team and healing the city. Blake Smith is portrayed in the movie by actor, and former Georgia field goal kicker, Billy Bennett. Will the events match up with what appears on the movie screen? As Floyd Harlow said, "For us, we lived it. It's been over 35 years since it happened, and there are some in Huntington who are concerned how the movie will portray the actual events. On the whole though, it helps. Once we pass away, this story will go into the history books, but the movie will help perpetuate it for the generations to come."

The experience strengthened the bond between the SigEps at Marshall. Scott, Hugh, Mike, and Floyd live in Huntington and still tailgate together before each football game. They've traveled from Gainesville, Florida, to Columbus, Ohio, and points in between, to see the Thundering Herd play. Every first down, every touchdown, and every win is celebrated not only by them, but by everyone in Huntington. That is how they healed. They grieved, they honored, and they never forgot. "Go Herd!"



Current Chapter President Jeremy Blatt, '07, visits the memorial at the Spring Hill Cemetery.



***"When my younger fraternity brothers and girls I know ask me to hook them up with some alcohol for a party, I really don't think it's a problem."***

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## California-Santa Barbara Dedicates Hofmann House

By Cory Frenkil, '08 and Nick Calvo, '09

**T**he California Gamma Chapter at the University of California-Santa Barbara, has had a quite a long-lived history with many trials and tribulations. However, one figure that has always prevailed is **John Hofmann, '70**. In 1979, at the age of 27, John Hofmann took on the enormous responsibility of single-handedly rebuilding our chapter. For four decades, he led us through many great and memorable times including the prestigious honor of achieving the Buchanan Cup in 1991. In 2000, he led a housing renovation that provided us with the best fraternity house possible. In 2003, he received the highest honor a SigEp can receive, the Order of the Golden Heart. We lost John on June 16. To honor all of the hard work and dedication that he has put into SigEp, the chapter felt it fitting to officially dedicate its chapter house as the *Hofmann House*.

On November 4, 2006, Cal Gamma held a ceremony not only dedicating the house to John but honoring his memory and great contributions as a Brother and Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President. Friends and family of Brother Hofmann, as well as SigEps from many decades, joined us for this special service. They spoke about past experiences shared with him. Although many different stories were shared, all had one common theme: John Hofmann influenced each of our lives. One of the most poignant moments occurred when his youngest son Adam stood before us during the open mic tribute and said, "I thought dad was just mad at me because he always told me my room was not clean. After being here, I am glad that he yelled at you, too."

Following the dedication, we held a Renaissance of Brotherhood Initiation for **Greg Cocklan, '06**, a close friend of John Hofmann and Cal Gamma. Although John's contributions have been important and beneficial to many fine gentlemen, it has not been John's greatest gift to society. John believed in building truly well-rounded men and established Cal



L-R: Adam Hofmann, William Hofmann, Nancy Hofmann and John's former law partner Paul Roberts during the dedication.



Scott Carr, '85, was the Master of Ceremonies for the tribute to Brother Hofmann. He succeeds Brother Hofmann as the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President.

Gamma's Educational Fund for the Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS) in which we reward men who exemplify Sound Mind and Sound Body.

### Scholarship Banquet Honors Brother Hofmann

To further honor Brother Hofmann, we held our annual BMS Banquet on November 5, 2006. Cal Gamma recognized young men who exude leadership qualities and the ideals of a Sound Mind and Sound Body. Classics Professor Apostolos Athanassakis and Past Grand Chapter President William G. Tragos spoke at the banquet and reflected upon the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon, emphasizing the importance of having a balanced lifestyle to the ancient Greeks and to our Fraternity today. This not only applies to John Hofmann's legacy, but to all the brothers of Cal Gamma. We have had the highest grade point average for the past four years, recruited members of the UCSB lacrosse, wrestling, crew, triathlon, rugby, and



Left to right: Chapter Counselor Travis Heard, '05, and Cameron Mazdyasni, '08, during the Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet.

baseball teams. In addition to athletics, we have members on Student Government, Technology Management Program, on Greek Standards Board and the Interfraternity Council. Although John Hofmann has left us, his legacy will always be carried on, and his spirit will continue to live within the walls of Hofmann House and influence our lives. His dedication and repeated contributions to the Fraternity and community inspire us to do as John Hofmann did.

# George Washington SigEps' Sound Mind Event a Metaphor for Fraternity

By Dave Frenkil, '06

One of the benefits of attending the George Washington University is that the campus is within a stone's throw of buildings like the White House and the World Bank. The D.C. Alpha Chapter house is three blocks down the street from the State Department. Living in such close proximity to these buildings encourages Brothers to take an interest in foreign affairs, as well as domestic politics.

Since its re-chartering in 2001, D.C. Alpha has taken advantage of all the great activities to do in the nation's capitol. I had my first Sigma Challenge meeting on the National Mall, we had our Pinning Ceremony next to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, Brotherhood events included taking a tour of the White House, and our spring formal last year was held in a ballroom that overlooked the skyline of this capital city.

In May, 2005, we added to our repertoire by attending a speech given by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. It was the most interesting event that I had experienced in my four years in D.C. Alpha because I had the opportunity to see and listen to one of the leading figures of international politics.

The topic of the speech was United States cooperation with the United Nations.

Secretary-General Annan stressed the importance of continued American involvement in the UN's human rights work, "where historically the U.S. has always been in the lead." He went on to urge Americans to act, "Never in history has humanity faced so many challenges that affect not just one nation or region, but the whole human race, and which call for a global response." He went on to say, "Leadership cannot come from one country alone, but the world will surely look to the United States to play its part."

It is important to me that my chapter Brothers have always sought to share together in the experience of living in the nation's capital. The Kofi Annan speech was my last opportunity to attend a Brotherhood event before I graduated later that month. Perhaps the message of his speech could also be applied to our Fraternity. In the way that the Secretary-General of the U.N. called on the United States to "play its part" in leading the world toward change, so too is SigEp looked to and has a responsibility to lead the way in affecting and promoting positive change among fraternities. Our challenge is to continue to use our position as the largest fraternity in the country to continue to utilize our resources to find innovative ways to keep Greek life both rewarding and interesting at the same time.

## Quinnipiac's Hall Wars Episode II



The chapter donated \$13,000 to the American Cancer Society with its Hall Wars Episode II—an Olympic-style competition between residence halls on campus. More than 400 freshmen, divided into more than 30 teams, participated in the event in early September.

SigEp coordinated the event to promote community bonding for freshmen during their first few weeks at Quinnipiac. Teams competed against each other in kickball, soccer, volleyball, hot shots, jousting, tug-of-war and dodge ball. The day also included a disc jockey, barbeque and open microphone concert.

"Hall Wars was once again a great success in bringing together the Hamden and Quinnipiac communities. In addition, Hall Wars has been, and continues to be, our number one way of recruitment. With over 350 new names of guys interested in SigEp on our potential list, recruitment during the spring semester should be our best ever," said Chapter President **Andy Turczak, '07**. Freshmen are eligible to join fraternities after their first semester on campus.

Students raised the money for admission to participate in the event and sold raffle tickets for various prizes. Sigma Phi Epsilon presented the donation to Laura Campbell, Area Director of Development for the American Cancer Society's New England division in Meriden.

To rejoice in life, to find the world beautiful and delightful to live in, was a mark of the Greek spirit which distinguished it from all that had gone before.

— Edith Hamilton in "The Greek Way"



Left to right: Seth Benkov, '08; Jeff Cohn '07; Trevor Theunissen, '06; David Frenkil, '06; David Frank, '08; Alex D'Ull, '09; and Jeff Schiff, '08.

## Brotherly Love Inspires Michigan

By Christopher M. Kane, '08

Early morning on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Michigan Alpha Chapter suffered enormously, when **Blake Heidenreich, '07**, was involved in a lake accident in which his C3 and C4 vertebrae in his neck were fractured. Blake, an energetic, funny and dedicated Brother had recently been accepted into the Ross Business School. With this full schedule ahead of him, it was clear that we could not sit back and allow a Brother to fall by the wayside. The Brothers went into action and, with the help of his family, physicians, and friends, Blake began his road to recovery. Within days, the Sigma Phi Epsilon flag was flying in his hospital room and visitors became regular occurrences.

As Blake's injury began to heal over the next several weeks, he also began to regain his senses. Soon Blake was able to talk again, slightly move his arms and legs and progressed to a point where he could operate his motorized wheelchair. Now, four months later, Blake is able to lift himself out of his wheelchair and navigate stairs with only the use of a cane. While Brother Heidenreich has a long road to recovery, he has overcome adversity and inspired the chapter.

Through a series of fund-raising events and promotions, SigEp and the University of Michigan Greek system continue to find ways to alleviate the cost of Blake's treatment and keep him on this challenging recovery plan. Brother Heidenreich is very much a part of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and his experience inspired every Brother in the chapter to give something more. Blake loves the Fraternity, and the Fraternity will always be there to support him. SigEp is only as good as its Brothers, and, after 94 years on campus, the Michigan Alpha Chapter still is second to none. So far this fall we've seen the chapter recruit 29 new members, win several intramural sports victories, and continue to post a solid GPA.



*Michigan Brothers with Blake during a football game.*

## Washington State Supports Take Back the Night

On behalf of Campus Involvement, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your active support of Take Back the Night on Tuesday, October 17, 2006. Your hospitality and serving hot chocolate to participants at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual event made a positive impression to marchers and supporters in solidarity against violence of all types—including child abuse, date rape, domestic battery, and assault related to sexual and gender identity. Your participation demonstrates a commitment to making Washington State University and our community a safe place for all.

I welcome your continued involvement in finding opportunities for Brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon in supporting an inclusive community that embraces diversity by encouraging a culture of understanding, belonging and civility. I look forward to working with you at Campus Involvement,

Where you're an integral piece of our puzzle,

Gregory T. Wilkins  
Director, Campus Involvement

## Violating the Cardinal Principal of Virtue

### Embezzlement in Some of our Chapters

Brothers do not do this. Brothers have honor. Brothers take an oath. Brothers commit to certain things—Virtue being one of those. Alumni volunteers have an added responsibility. They are entrusted with the stewardship of the chapter, of its house, of its charter, and of its perpetuity.

Some "Brothers" shamefully betrayed that trust. They embezzled thousands of dollars, and did so under the guise of trust. In the name of duty they lied, stole, and nearly destroyed chapters. What follows are two accounts of fraud that were detected, and then swift action was taken to rectify. These examples are not meant to initiate a shakedown, but rather to inform and, ultimately, prevent.

### ATM Bandit and Even Amounts

At a large state school in the southeastern corner of the United States, this chapter missed paying its bills even though the chapter house was full and the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) took in nearly \$20,000 each month. Bank records were obtained, and it was discovered that many checks were written for even amounts. The

treasurer/house director had been paying himself a salary approaching \$12,000 per year. He was also making ATM withdrawals using the AVC account. These withdrawals were for personal expenditures.

A claim was filed with the police and the insurance company. The AVC President estimated a loss of more than \$50,000. This "Brother" was arrested in December of that year. He ended up paying half of what he stole from the chapter. The rest was paid out by the insurance company.

In the northwest, a similar situation developed. The AVC Treasurer issued checks for bills and then pocketed the money. A new volunteer joined the AVC and began noticing that bills were not being paid. The books were seized from the AVC Treasurer and an investigation was launched. It was suspected that this "Brother" stole more than \$80,000. He pled guilty to one count of felony larceny and paid nearly \$61,000 in restitution. He was placed on supervised probation for six years.

### Preventing It from Happening

Both of these cases are alarming. Thousands of dollars stolen from our undergraduate Brothers nearly led to the collapse of both chapters. Thankfully someone began asking questions. Chapters and AVCs must have a system of checks and balances in place to prevent these catastrophic situations from playing out. Here are guidelines from our insurance carrier that help eliminate the possibility of embezzlement. These can apply to both the chapter and its AVC:

1. Require dual signatures on checks over a predetermined amount, i.e., \$500.
2. Remove the responsibility of monthly account reconciliation from the officer with check writing authority and appoint another officer to be responsible for this function.
3. Have an independent third party conduct a yearly audit of the corporations' finances.
4. Make it known to all board members and volunteers that anyone who commits this type crime will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
5. Have an account that prohibits debit card/ATM withdrawals.

Accounting records need to have clear and appropriate documentation. Keep photographic copies of all payments received and attach them to the corresponding bank slips and bank receipts. It is also a good idea to keep photocopies of written checks on file and attached to the corresponding invoices.

# LSU's Founders Gather at Parent/Alumni Weekend

Every year the Louisiana Beta Chapter hosts a weekend of events for parents and alumni. There are barbeques with desserts provided by the Parent's Club. There is a dinner at a local restaurant. There are over 200 alumni, parents and guests who attend. And this year was a little more distinguished as the chapter made a concentrated effort to bring back its Founding Brothers.

SigEp founded its chapter at LSU in 1961, and ten Founding Brothers traveled from as far away as New Braunfels, Texas, and as near as in-town to attend. "This was my third parent/alumni weekend that my wife and I attended, and by far the most meaningful for both of us. While I have seen a few of our brothers from the original chapter over the years, this was the first time so many of us came together at once," said **David Tilley, '64**.

**Scott McBride, '64**, had not set foot on campus since graduating 40 years earlier. "It was mighty strange walking into Tiger Stadium. I hadn't been there since the football season of 1964. Everything is bigger and crowded," he said.

Brother Tilley, the second initiate of the chapter reflected on his undergraduate days. "As I look back over my life, it is without doubt that SigEp positively influenced my life's decisions and actions in so many ways. I was serving as Vice President when we were granted our charter. The President had



Left to right: Sid Gale, '64; Al David, '64; Scott McBride, '64; and David Tilley, '64 in front of the charter that bears their names as Founders of the Chapter.

put me in charge of finally getting all the work done on it. Boy was I in for a lot of work that year!" he said.

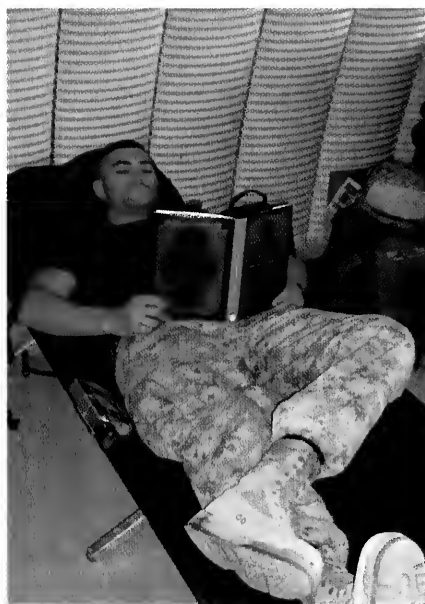
For these SigEps meeting the current chapter was a joy. Brother McBride noted, "I was very impressed with the Brothers. They were sharp. And the Parent's Club is just remarkable. Back when I was in school, no fraternity had parents involved. What they've built here is something special." It is also special to see the strength of the today's undergraduate chapter. When Scott graduated in 1964 there were nearly 40 men in the chapter. "Back in those days LSU was an open campus; no SATs required, just a high school diploma. Everyone had trouble with attrition as men would join in the fall and not be around in the spring," he said.



Jason Carse, '95, wife Stacey and children. Jason was the first initiate of the rechartered chapter and three time President. Annually the Alumni Board awards the Jason Carse Brotherhood Award to an undergraduate and Jason has been on hand to personally present the award each time during Alumni/Parent weekend.

Today the chapter has 95 men and a 3.15 GPA, the highest on campus.

Plans are underway for another successful weekend in 2007, and alumni of the Louisiana Beta Chapter are invited. Email Chapter Counselor **John Allen, '65**, at [jkallen27@bellsouth.net](mailto:jkallen27@bellsouth.net) for more information.



Steve Oliver, Western Michigan '08, with the latest edition of the Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood book during Mojave Viper training days at 29 Palms Marine Corps base in California before leaving for Fallujah, Iraq.

## Top 30 Chapters in Lifetime Members

Since our founding at Richmond College in 1901, Sigma Phi Epsilon today boasts more than 265,000 Brothers. This ranks third among all other fraternities today. We are behind Sigma Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Below are the chapters producing the most Lifetime Members. *Italics denote Sigma Epsilon Chapters (SEC) striving to recharter.*

Chapter	Founded	Members	Chapter	Founded	Members
Florida	1925	2,670	Michigan	1912	1,859
Texas-Austin	1930	2,530	Kansas	1923	1,845
Purdue	1905	2,510	<i>Colorado (SEC)</i>	<i>1904</i>	<i>1,817</i>
Nebraska	1911	2,294	Ball State	1953	1,803
Colorado State	1915	2,267	Ohio Northern	1905	1,792
Auburn	1908	2,120	Miami U. (Ohio)	1948	1,773
Tennessee	1913	2,088	Oklahoma	1946	1,768
<i>Indiana (SEC)</i>	<i>1931</i>	<i>2,003</i>	Missouri-Columbia	1914	1,755
Oregon State	1918	1,965	Southern California	1928	1,740
<i>Oklahoma State (SEC)</i>	<i>1920</i>	<i>1,947</i>	<i>Washington State (SEC)</i>	<i>1912</i>	<i>1,729</i>
Illinois	1903	1,926	Florida State	1950	1,727
Delaware	1907	1,897	Arkansas	1907	1,727
West Virginia	1903	1,893	Ohio State	1908	1,727
Kansas State	1918	1,882	Syracuse	1905	1,680
Washington	1922	1,867	Iowa State	1916	1,661

# Georgia welcomes first initiate

**J**ack Stevens, '63, didn't quite know what to expect when he and Mrs. Stevens contacted Chapter President **Matthew Parrish, '06**, this past October to ask him if they could meet with the chapter. Not only had Jack visited the classic college town three or four times since graduating, but he would be coming to town to see his first University of Georgia football game since 1962. He had also not been back to visit the Georgia Delta Chapter, which he helped found, and was the first initiate and first Chapter President. The Stevenses were on the last leg of an East Coast trip in their RV that had brought them from their home in Boise, Idaho.

Brother Stevens and his wife made arrangements to meet with the chapter on a Sunday afternoon. "We were excited about the visit, and really didn't know what to expect," said Brother Parrish of the Stevenses' visit. "He called a couple of days ago, asked to meet with the chapter and mentioned that he wanted to present us with a gift—naturally, I told him we would love to have him."

As the Stevenses approached the house on a sunny fall afternoon, Brothers greeted the couple along with Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President **Ken Hansing, '71**, and

Chapter Counselor **Kenneth Linsley, '01**.

They assembled in the living room, and Jack presented the chapter with his membership card, which he had mounted and framed. It proudly shows his chapter roll number of 0001—the first initiate of the chapter at UGA. "I had it framed quite a while ago," Brother Stevens shared after the presentation. "I've wanted to come and give it to the chapter for some time, and now the time felt right."

Brothers took the opportunity to ask questions of the Stevenses. Brother Parrish asked what the early days were like for the Fraternity. "We didn't know if we were going to make it quite frankly," he said. "There were only 10 or 11 of us, and we were trying to compete against established chapters here on campus that had 70 or 80 men."

The Stevenses were then treated to a tour of the historic Milledge Avenue home on Athens' "Greek Row," a house that dates from 1875 and one the chapter has owned since 1970. "My wife and I just rode past the spot where the old chapter house used to be, and it brought back a lot of memories—I can still remember the old house address," Brother Stevens said.



Left to right: Ken Hansing, '70, and Jack Stevens, '63. His plaque is held by Matthew Parrish, '06.

Jack asked Matt about chapter life—everything from where the Brothers eat meals to how the Balanced Man Program works. He was amazed to hear that SigEp has 120 members now, and has had the top fraternity GPA on campus for nine semesters in a row.

After an hour-and-a-half visit, the Stevenses thanked the chapter members for their hospitality.

"It was encouraging for them to come and visit us" said Matt. "I also think we really impressed them—I hope it won't be nearly as long before they come back to visit again."

## Texas Tech & Summer Recruitment Yields 29 Men

**Patrick McGregor, '09**, spent his summer in Midland, Texas, two hours south of his alma mater, Texas Tech University. He was working a full-time job, and, on top of that, was the Vice President of Recruitment. It wasn't unheard of for someone in his position not to be around during the summer. After all, the chapter didn't host recruitment events then. The summer is when you worked and took a break from Fraternity. Brother McGregor didn't quite see it that way.

"I knew the Organizational Fair during summer orientation would be a prime opportunity to get in front of potential recruits and their parents," he said. "Other fraternities would stand at their table and wait for men to approach them. We sought out men and told them about SigEp and our Balanced Man Scholarship." After the fair concluded, the chapter didn't just go home, they brought parents and potential recruits back to the Fraternity's lodge (chapters are not allowed to own houses at Texas Tech) for an open house. They continued to pitch the Fraternity to the men and their parents.

They didn't limit this to freshmen orientation. SigEp did the same thing during the transfer student orientation. And, just like that, they met 150 men who could be SigEps.

Then they started recruiting these men. Throughout the rest of the summer, the list got whittled down to 40 men and of those 29 joined. Some joined during the formal recruitment period, early in the fall semester. Others took suicide bids during formal recruitment (meaning they joined SigEp and stopped visiting the other fraternities on campus). Others joined in the open recruitment period after the formal one ended.

And, Texas Tech isn't finished. Plans are underway to recruit another 20 men throughout the rest of the school year.

## Top 30 Chapters in Fall 2006 Recruitment

Below we list the top 30 chapters in recruitment. All of these men are registered with Headquarters; chapters that report men but have not registered them are not included in this list.

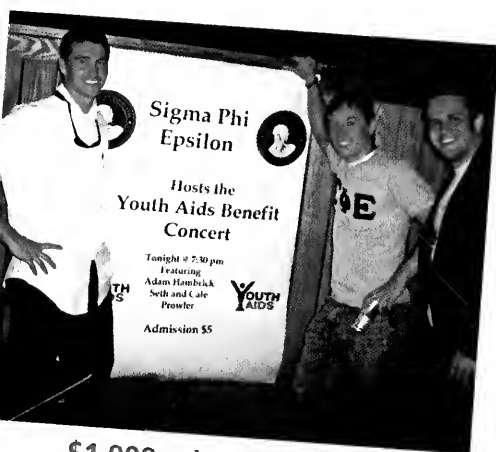
A sign of a quality chapter is one that recruits well. It takes a certain amount of confidence, prestige, and coordination to produce these results. How did these chapters do it? Many recruit from the Balanced Man Scholarship. Some have an aggressive summer recruitment plan. Some perform well during the formal recruitment period on campus. Learn more by visiting [www.sigep.org/recruitment](http://www.sigep.org/recruitment). Congratulations and keep recruiting the best men on campus. Italics denote a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC) striving to charter.

School	Recruits	School	Recruits
Mississippi	91	<i>Oklahoma State (SEC)</i>	30
Oklahoma	60	Florida	29
Texas	49	Florida State	29
San Diego State	42	Kansas State	29
Illinois	41	Southeast Missouri State	29
Illinois State	40	Tennessee	29
Florida International	37	Texas Tech	29
Texas Christian	36	U. of Memphis	29
Eastern Illinois	35	Colorado	28
Nebraska	35	Florida Atlantic	28
Auburn	34	Nebraska-Omaha	28
Central Florida	33	Wisconsin	28
Bucknell	32	Dartmouth	27
Georgia	32	Oregon State	27
Kentucky	32	U. of Evansville	27





**\$650 raised at Wichita State YouthAIDS concert**



**\$1,000 raised at Central Arkansas Up till Dawn Concert**

## Chapters Continue to Raise Money for SigEp/YouthAIDS

Several chapters recently completed philanthropic events and brought educational speakers to campus to help educate the community on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Below are some of the chapters and events hosted. Over \$13,000 was raised by eight chapters!

School	Event	Description	Funds Raised
Central Arkansas	Up till Dawn Concert	Local musicians performed	\$1,000
Delaware	Wing War	Wing eating contest	\$800
Drexel	Comedy Show	Chapter brought <b>Steve Hofstetter, Columbia '02</b> , to campus to perform a charity show	\$500
Eastern Washington	100K Biathlon	Athletic Contest	\$625
Illinois	SigEp Presents...	Week of events culminating in a talent show	\$7,000
Lehigh	Softball Tournament	Ten team competition	\$2,000
Maine	Camp Out	Members camped out on campus and collected donations	\$1,000
Wichita State	Concert	Local musicians performed including <b>Chris Harris, Kent State '04</b> , aka D.J. Scrilla	\$650



**\$7,000 raised at Illinois "SigEp Presents" events**

# Grand Ole Opry's Marketing Man Is a SigEp

By E. SCOTT THOMPSON, II,  
Southern Mississippi '99

It was not until **Dan Rogers, U. of Evansville '91**, read the liner notes to the John Gorka song, "Out of the Valley," that he realized it was about him. "The longer you stay in one place, the harder it is to leave, even if your dreams lie elsewhere," it read. At the time, Brother Rogers was teaching for the University of Kentucky and writing about country music for the *Evansville Courier & Press*. But Dan had dreams of working for the Grand Ole Opry.

Growing up on a farm in Xenia, Illinois, Dan would fall asleep at night listening to the sounds of the Opry. His parents and their parents, much like the rest of America, tuned in each week to hear Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, and other greats. As an undergraduate, Dan studied communications and loved U.S. history. For him, the Opry represented a piece of Americana, an indelible icon, and it served as a beacon for his dreams.

So, he made the decision to leave Kentucky for Nashville. He became an intern with the Opry and worked his way up to his current role as the Senior Marketing Manager for the Grand Ole Opry. Brother Rogers is responsible for all of the Opry's promotions, web presence, and advertising, and works on the Opry's numerous weekly broadcasts on TV, radio, and the Internet. One of his

challenges is to keep shows fresh and exciting while also embracing the show's historical roots. "It is quite a balancing act. You have to nod to tradition and keep both eyes focused on the future," he said.

It is common for musicians to want to make a surprise appearance at the Opry, and sometimes that happens at a moment's notice. Country music star Alan Jackson once decided when his plane landed in Nashville that he wanted to play at the Opry that night. The Opry staff had to then scramble to promote the Opry, rewrite the scripts, and still keep the secret safe until the curtain went up.

He said that success in his job comes from building relationships with people both inside and out of the Opry, something he learned from his days as an undergraduate in SigEp. "As an undergraduate, you learn that it pays to develop partnerships in which everyone wins, whether it be a philanthropic project in which fraternity members learn a new skill, while at the same time a Habitat for Humanity family comes closer to owning their own home, or something as simple as proofreading a



Dan Rogers, U. of Evansville '91

brother's term paper in exchange for his help studying for a physics test. The only difference is you're now working with folks you might hear on the radio on your way home from work." During his undergraduate days, Dan served as Vice President, Secretary and Philanthropy Chair. The Balanced Man Ideal was just being promoted by the Fraternity during that time.

"The Balanced Man Ideal is a 'can't miss' philosophy," Brother Rogers noted. "The longer you live, the more you see the benefit of building a Sound Mind and Sound Body." His first years with the Opry were a bit unbalanced. "All I had time for was my career and getting established. Now I find that sometimes spending a little time away from the office (or the stage, if you prefer) is the best thing you can do for yourself and your career," he said.

## Cornell Brother Receives "40 Under 40" Award

**Alon Barzilay, Cornell '95**, Vice President of Development and Partner at The Klein Company, was honored by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* as a recipient of the publication's "40 Under 40" Award. Brother Barzilay, along with other recipients, was featured in a special section of the *Philadelphia Business Journal* on April 7, 2006.

He was chosen from more than 250 nominations for the 2006 award. The "40 Under 40" award recognizes 40 individuals under 40 years of age who are leaders in their respective professional fields and communities.

"In many ways, a fraternity is like a business. When I first went through recruitment, I was essentially applying for a position in the organization, and I learned how to sell

myself. I also learned the importance of choosing the right people who would grow, embrace, and support the Fraternity. Today, I look to surround myself with the same type of people to better the business. The leadership positions I held within SigEp, such as serving on the Executive Board, taught me how to delegate responsibility and support an organization both efficiently and democratically. Looking back, it's really incredible how much of what I experienced as a SigEp at Cornell is still relevant and important to my everyday professional and personal life," Brother Barzilay said.

At The Klein Company, Brother Barzilay works on a number of projects related to real estate development in Philadelphia and Orlando.

# Utah SigEps Reunite After 30 Years

A Reuniting of Old Friendships Proves "Brotherhood Lasts a Lifetime and Transcends Generations"

BY RICHARD FOUTS, '74

"**H**e Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" was the theme for a reunion of SigEps and chapter sweethearts from the 1960s and 1970s. Old friendships were reignited at the three-day event that included lots of socializing, golf, a homecoming football game, much laughter and a few tears.

"It was time to make some new memories," said **Bruno Sadowski, '74**, President of the Utah Beta Chapter in 1974-1975. "While many of us have kept in touch, most brothers had not seen each other in 30 years."

"We picked up right where we left off," said 1975-1976 Chapter President **David Nielson, '76**, who lives in nearby Colorado. "Much had changed, but the brotherhood that we all share had not."



*Above: Utah alumni during the reunion that brought many of them together after 30 years.*



Former Chapter Sweetheart Debbie MacCallister, (1968-1972) traveled from Hawaii to attend. "I would have come even further," she said.

Others came from all over the country. A reunion like this takes local people on the ground to make it happen, so Brothers Sadowski and Nielsen mobilized Brothers **Steve Coray, '79**, and **David Sampson, '78**, along with Chapter Sweetheart Becky Cutler-Gunn, all still living in the Salt Lake area, to help. "The reunion was so successful," said Brother Coray, "that we're planning 2008. Now that we've found each other, we're not letting go."

Current Chapter President **Ryan Carrier, '07**, and the undergraduate Brothers were host to the reunion. "We were presented a wall hanging with the words, 'Brotherhood lasts a lifetime and it transcends generations.' It's a message that became very real once we saw these guys reconnect so easily after three decades," said Brother Carrier.

The reunion burned some vividly emotional memories for everyone who

was able to attend. Bruno Sadowski summed up the event perfectly, "We are blessed to have one another."

Visit the reunion web site at [www.corayphoto.com/sigep/](http://www.corayphoto.com/sigep/) to see a summary of the three-day event, award ceremony—and everything else you missed. If you're an alumnus of the Utah Beta Chapter, please reconnect through [steve@corayphoto.com](mailto:steve@corayphoto.com).



*Far Left: Utah Brothers and Chapter Sweethearts reunite at a reunion in Salt Lake City where many had not seen each other in 30 years.*



*Inset, above: David Nielson, '76, Chapter President from 1975-76, is joined by Steven Coray, '79, in a presentation to current chapter president, Ryan Carrier, '07.*

*Inset, left: Mike McCleery, '71, and his wife Jan share a moment with old friends before Saturday's homecoming game.*

**"You must first be a friend to yourself before you can be a friend to others."**

—Hecato

# Answering the Call for Service

BY ARCHER L. YEATTS, III,  
Grand President

If you look on page 82 of *Our Journey of Brotherhood*, that wonderful, revealing, and very readable history of Sigma Phi Epsilon, you will see a picture of the Fraternity's national officers and Board members at the 28<sup>th</sup> Conclave at Mackinac Island, Michigan, in 1963. If you look two tables away in the upper-left corner, you will see me, looking like a deer in the headlights. The reason for that look is that shortly after that picture was taken, I was to be the undergraduate speaker at the awards banquet, and I was nervous, to say the least.

speaker, to trying to serve as a Chapter Counselor and a Balanced Man Steward, being an Alumni and Volunteer Corporation member for many years, being asked by **Chuck White** to be legal counsel in 1979, service on the National Board of Directors, and now as Grand President, I have continued to be involved with Sigma Phi Epsilon.

This involvement has allowed me to learn what Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love truly mean. My raising partly as a farm boy in Southside Virginia, as a youngster in Blacksburg when Virginia Tech was really a "cow

In that Conclave speech, I quoted Thomas R. Marshall, who was Woodrow Wilson's Vice President, and best remembered for the saying, "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." My quote was hopefully a little more appropriate. "The forces that have been greatest in my life have been God and the college fraternity that molded me."

Would that our present undergraduates could come close to making such a statement in their later years! But they aren't likely to do so without alumni and volunteer support.



Elsewhere in the history, there is reference to an editorial in the March, 1906, issue of *The Journal*, in which the writer concludes that fraternity life "does not really begin until after we leave college." This is a sentiment with which most of us would not agree, but, like most such statements, contains a kernel of truth.

I had a wonderful fraternity experience at the University of Richmond and made friendships that have endured for over 40 years. But Sigma Phi Epsilon was not the entire focus of my college life since I had a part-time job each year, was a Student Government officer, and was dating my future wife, Elaine.

But, I was lucky. People connected to the Fraternity looked out for me for reasons I've never fully understood. From being selected to be that Conclave

**"We have known for eons that no undergraduate chapter can be successful over a sustained period of time without a committed and dedicated group of volunteers helping it."** —Archer L. Yeatts, III

college," and moving to the "big city" of Richmond in high school, all prepared me for dealing with people who were somewhat different from me. But, nothing has shown me diversity like my alumni experiences in Sigma Phi Epsilon. I have been able to travel the length and breadth of this country and have made friends with SigEps whose backgrounds are as different from mine as night is from day.

But, when it is time to talk and do SigEps and to plan for a constantly improving undergraduate experience for our Brothers, all our racial, ethnic, regional, economic and personal differences go out the window.

There is an incredible reservoir of experience, talent, leadership, and financial resources that abounds on our campuses, in the communities near our campuses, in alumni of our universities, and among the fathers of our undergraduates, and we must tap into it if we are to provide our undergraduates the experience we promise them during recruitment.

We have known for eons that no undergraduate chapter can be successful over a sustained period of time without a committed and dedicated group of volunteers helping it. The Fraternity's

strategic plan says that we are a volunteer-based organization. This means that we acknowledge that while our professional staff in Richmond and our Regional Directors out in the field are essential to our success, our undergraduate chapters don't have a prayer of sustained success without committed volunteers at the local level, and we need you to consider becoming a volunteer.

Many of you reading this are saying, "Yeah, right. Why should I give my time to a bunch of undergraduates who don't have any appreciation of me, or my Fraternity experience, or my life experiences? How can I possibly relate to them or they to me?"

I have good news. The Volunteers Committee, in conjunction with the

National Leadership and Member Development Committees, is putting together a training program for Alumni and Volunteer Corporation members that will teach them about the college student of today and the details of the programming the Fraternity is providing to our undergraduates. It will also provide training to the volunteer that will help him or her (not all volunteers are alumni or male) in his or her business and life. I will have more to say about this development in the near future.

The word "volunteer" is somewhat of a misnomer. Most of the time we respond to a call to help, rather than stepping forward. In every example I gave earlier of my own alumni experience, someone asked me to take the job. But, if you are living where we have a

SigEp chapter, I hope you will call Headquarters (804-353-1901) and offer to help. If you are contacted, I hope you will say "yes." You don't need to wait for the program of the Volunteers Committee to be implemented. Much support is already in place and available to you, and many of your Brothers are experiencing the benefits of contacts with undergraduates.

Every one of us remembers a professor or university administrator who remained youthful and exuberant from being around young people. If you get involved, I promise you a rewarding experience of interaction with your peers and the opportunity to maybe, just maybe, make a difference in a chapter's success and, probably most importantly, in a young man's life.



*From left: South Carolina AVC President Pete Pantisani, '00, (front row, third from left) with gathering of alumni; Western Michigan AVC President Jan Blanck and Josh Scott, '07, at a recruitment event; Western Michigan alumnus Fred Sitkins, '59, receives volunteer service recognition award from chapter; Clarkson Chapter Counselor Kate Tessier meets with Chris Werley, '02; L to R: R. Major Sharpe, Tennessee '05, Order of the Golden Heart recipient G. Burl Rainwater, Tennessee '58, and W. Jacob Rasnick, Tennessee '05, at the 2003 Conclave in San Antonio; and University of Washington in St. Louis AVC President John Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61, discusses chapter business with Eric Wasserstrum, '07.*

## Cal State Northridge Alumnus Is Two-Time Emmy Winner

On August 27, **Patrick Cariaga**, **Cal State Northridge '97**, won his second consecutive Emmy Award. Both awards came for the category of Outstanding Reality-Competition Program for his work as a Producer on the CBS TV show, "The Amazing Race." Brother Cariaga has been working on the series for five years, and has been a producer for the past two years.

Brother Cariaga called the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Emmy Awards, "the most surreal night of my life." He was quick to point out that the awards were the result of a team effort. "There are so many great people that work on this show. It is in no way an

individual accomplishment," he said.

He credits his professional development to his involvement with SigEp and his other campus activities. "The Fraternity encouraged me to be involved on campus, and through these experiences I matured and developed an invaluable set of relationships that have helped me in my career."

Brother Cariaga was President of the California Sigma Chapter when it won a Buchanan Cup in 1997. Years later he continues to adhere to the Balanced Man Ideal. He plays softball and soccer and has run four marathons.



*Patrick Cariaga, Cal State Northridge '97, at the 58th Annual Emmy Awards*

# Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation & Order of the Golden Heart

## Call for Nominations

**BRUCE H. HASENKAMP, DARTMOUTH '60**  
Chairman, Citation Nominating  
Commission, Order of the Golden Heart,  
Past Grand President

In addition to being SigEps, what do Dr. Seuss; inventor of the computer mouse; first U.S. Senator from Arizona; Uncle Billy Phillips; Chairman of Ford Motor Company; David Hendon, a Florida alumni board member for 60 years; General Anthony "Nuts" McAuliffe; and Richard Panther, a District Governor who served his district for 37 years, have in common?

All received one of the Fraternity's two highest honors, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation or the Order of the Golden Heart.

Since the Citation was created 40 years ago, 241 of SigEp's 262,165 initiates have been awarded SigEp's equivalent of a university honorary degree in recognition of especially significant professional achievement or public service, accomplishments that were built on leadership skills learned as an undergraduate SigEp.

The Order of the Golden Heart (OGH) honors particularly dedicated service to Sigma Phi Epsilon that entailed considerable personal sacrifice over decades or a lifetime. Only 139 brothers

have received the Order's medallion.

Every two years nominations for both awards are solicited from alumni and chapters. With extensive supporting documentation, supplemented by research and telephone interviews, nominees for the Citation are evaluated by a commission consisting of Citation recipients from the past three Conclaves.

The Commission selects a small group of potential honorees from those nominated, seeking an interesting balance of professional fields, and contacts these alumni to learn if they can attend the next Conclave. (Except in rare circumstances, the Citation is only presented in person at a Conclave, when undergraduate Brothers can benefit from meeting and hearing these noted alumni.) A final list of nominees then goes to the National Board of Directors for approval.

A second committee appointed by the Grand President screens those nominated for the Order of the Golden Heart. This small panel operates in total secrecy, because, unlike Citation recipients, those selected to join the Order of the Golden Heart are unaware of their selection until it is announced at Conclave.

Over the years, considerable energy and skillful maneuvering have been required

### Who Has Won the Citation?

- 92 Fortune 500 CEOs and other senior business executives
- 47 scholars and university presidents, deans and officials
- 43 military, government and public service leaders
- 28 authors, composers, journalists, movie producers and actors
- 31 judges, sports stars, religious leaders and other prominent alumni

to ensure that the alumni to be honored are present at the Conclave. Sometimes wives are also alerted, secretly brought to the Conclave and hidden backstage, to emerge at the moment of the announcement.

Once the OGH Nominating Committee completes its evaluation of proposed recipients, its recommendations go in secret to the National Board of Directors for a closed-door vote.

Nomination forms for both the Citation and the Order of the Golden Heart appear on the Fraternity's website ([www.sigep.org/documents/ogh-nomination-form.doc](http://www.sigep.org/documents/ogh-nomination-form.doc), or [www.sigep.org/documents/Citation-Nomination-Form.doc](http://www.sigep.org/documents/Citation-Nomination-Form.doc)) or may be obtained from Karen Simpson at Zollinger House (804/353-1901, extension 317).

All nominations and supporting documentation for the Order of the Golden Heart must be received at Zollinger House by **March 1, 2007**, to be eligible for the 2007 awards.

All nominations and supporting documentation for the Citation must be received at Zollinger House by **January 15, 2007**, to be eligible for the 2007 awards. To encourage more nominations, this deadline has been extended from November 15, 2006.



*Above: Oracle Corporation Chairman Jeff Henley, California-Santa Barbara '66, received his Citation award at the 2005 Grand Chapter Conclave in Nashville.*

*Left: John Hofmann, California-Santa Barbara '70, receiving his Order of the Golden Heart at the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave in San Antonio.*



# Columbia's Stand-Up Guy

## Steve Hofstetter

BY MATTHEW T. HUNT,  
Georgia '05

*"Hi, I am a stand-up comedian and I want you to be my friend."*

This is how **Steve Hofstetter**, **Columbia '02**, describes himself on one of his many websites. It is both plea and clever ploy, one that lures in amicable web users who will then, ideally, not think twice about seeing their "friend" next time he comes through town. And Hofstetter goes through a lot of towns.

The last two months he's seen the inside of West Hollywood comedy clubs and the Side Street Grille in Hamden, Connecticut. He played Iowa State, Virginia Tech, California-San Diego, and Drexel.

Hofstetter has found a friend in the Internet—thousands, actually—allowing him to reach more people than ever before. "I went from playing coffee houses to selling out theaters," he said.

**"The laugh is number one. Number two is that they notice the world around them, and then, ideally, for people to feel proud of themselves and happy about their intelligence."**

MySpace(.com) allows him to put comedy on his page, Facebook(.com) lets him target specific college audiences. Before these sites he began posting on College Humor(.com). It's beautiful synergy he's milked since his career began. Some may even argue it's this synergy that began his career.

The crux of Hofstetter's successful PR-MO is this on-line presence that gives established fans—and a steady stream of newcomers—instant access to his schedule, thoughts, and other pertinent goings-on in his nomadic stage-to-stage lifestyle. Not only do the fans get access to Steve, but vice versa, helping to keep his hip on the pulse of his audience.

"The Internet has sold me on one thing in particular," he said, "...it's taught me I can't please everyone." He then paused to remember and recite a quote, "Travel is the enemy of prejudice."

On August 1, Steve had 4,222 friends in high schools and colleges around the country. Two months later he had

befriended 300 more on one site alone. He was also the first user to gather more than 200,000 friends on Facebook, enough to cause the website's servers to crash and force him to reset his tally.

Pushing the boundaries has become common for Steve. "As a SigEp, and student at Columbia, I never learned to get by with the bare minimum," he said.

This is a philosophy Hofstetter carries with him on the stage—always searching for the next laugh, always prying away for more. He said when he's on stage "the bare minimum is laughter...But there's so much more an audience can get from a good performance...and that's the school of comedy I put myself in. One where, if you look at the set, and you took out all the jokes, it would still be a decent speech."

"The laugh is number one," he said. "Number two is that they notice the world around them, and then, ideally, for people to feel proud of themselves and happy about their intelligence."

He said he found the chapter Brothers a perfect whetting stone on which to sharpen his wit. He said the sense of humor common when in large groups—that "random and clever" wit that punctuates the end of sentences—is much different than his own "dry and pointed" humor that lends itself to stand-up comedy.

"In fact, I was—and still am—nowhere near the funniest guy in my chapter," he said. But, he does have a DVD. It's called "Cure for the Cable Guy" and has been a Top 20 seller on the comedy charts.

Even his first experience with SigEp sounds like it could fit in his routine.

Steve recalls, "Reason I joined SigEp in the first place—one of the news editors was a SigEp and invited us over to the



*"Cure for the Cable Guy" is Steve's latest DVD*

house. The conversation went something like this:

**Steve:** 'Nice house.'

**Friend:** 'Meetings are Sundays at nine.'

"I was there five minutes before I wanted to join," Steve said. "I knew right away these were the type of people I wanted to be friends with. Imagine if recruitment was always that easy."

During his undergraduate days, he went to the Grand Chapter Conclave in Washington, D.C., and was elected as a Student Director to the National Board of Directors. "The National Board was a phenomenal experience. Here's a room full of CEOs and judges and self-made millionaires, and my vote counted just as much as theirs. I was never treated like a rookie—it really taught me that if you have ideas, a solid work ethic, and the willingness to listen to others, people will listen to you," he said.

In addition to comedy, Steve loves sports. He writes a regular column every Monday on *Sports Illustrated's* website, [www.si.com](http://www.si.com), and has made appearances on ESPN's show, "Quite Frankly with Stephen A. Smith."

Steve also helps out SigEp by performing charity shows to raise money for the SigEp/YouthAIDS partnership. He's done nearly a dozen of these shows, and it is a way for him to give back to the Fraternity.

Hofstetter will be touring the rest of the year, but he makes the lifestyle sound easy.

"I absolutely love it," he said. "What's hard is, you're caught up living your own life, and you could be having the time of your life and never really know it. This is why I do interviews...it helps you realize it."

Visit [www.stevhofstetter.com](http://www.stevhofstetter.com) to learn more about Steve's comedy and upcoming shows.

# First Time SigEp Authors

## Stanford Alumnus is *The Underdog*

**Joshua Davis, '96**, aspires to live the American dream in his first book, *The Underdog*. What begins as a means to provide for his wife evolves into a charming story of courage, adventure, and just a little bit of insanity. On the heels of a fourth-place finish (out of four contestants) in the lightweight division at the U.S. National Arm-wrestling Championships, Josh gets a spot on Team USA and travels to Poland to face "The Russian Ripper" in the World Championships—and Tara finds herself wishing her husband would go back to data entry. Unfortunately for her, he's just getting started. Over the next two years, Josh ventures to Spain to try his hand at bullfighting, sumo wrestles 500-pound men, perfects his backwards running in India and at the Golden Shrimp "retro-running" race in Italy, and bonds with his family at the Sauna World Championships.

Brother Davis is the executive producer

on the film adaptation of his story about becoming the lightest man ever to compete at the U.S. Sumo Open. The film is being produced by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox and Gold/Miller Production. Actor Jon Heder, star of "Napoleon Dynamite" and "School for Scoundrels" will star as Brother Davis. It is set for release in 2007. Visit [www.underdognation.com](http://www.underdognation.com) or [www.joshuadavis.net](http://www.joshuadavis.net) for more information on his book and other projects.

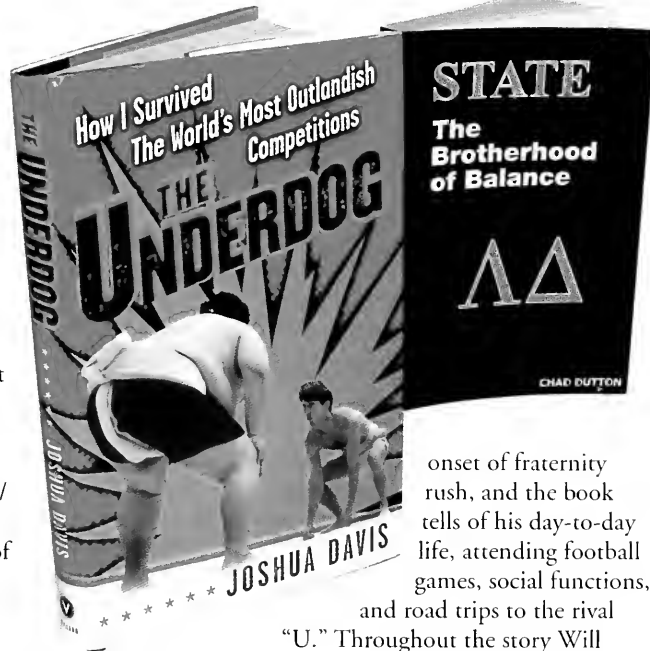
## Oregon State Alumnus Writes *State: The Brotherhood of Balance*

**Chad Dutton, '94**, tells the story of Will's first-year experience at the State University in *State: The Brotherhood of Balance*. He arrives on campus at the

onset of fraternity rush, and the book tells of his day-to-day life, attending football games, social functions,

and road trips to the rival "U." Throughout the story Will bonds with his fraternity brothers and learns important life lessons. Drawing on his own experiences at Oregon State, Brother Dutton creates a world that is universal to his reader, invoking nostalgia. *State* does not seek to scandalize the fraternity experience nor does it seek to sanitize it. It is a fictionalized account grounded in the realism of challenges faced by many students.

Visit [www.integritypublishingllc.com](http://www.integritypublishingllc.com) for more information.



## Minnesota SigEp Co-Founder of Alternative Cycling Apparel TWIN SIX

SigEp taught **Ryan Carlson, '01**, a lot of things: leadership, a good work ethic, responsibility, and how to design a cool t-shirt. Yes, that's right. It taught him how to design cool t-shirts—that would sell. Far too often, most of the t-shirts created for chapter events would go unsold, and sit in a cardboard box.

So, Brother Carlson set out to design a t-shirt that would sell. His first opportunity came with a social event. It was a simple design: a crown, a heart, and the Greek letters. But, they sold. They all sold. And, from that point on, he was the t-shirt design guy.

Fast-forward six years to the Fall of 2002. At a small graphic design firm in Minneapolis, he met Brent Gale, a fellow cycling enthusiast and all-around great designer. They had ridden a few times together, and both commented on the lack of stylish cycling apparel on the market. Neither was into sporting a billboard full of logos, a classic rock record cover, bug-eyed cartoon character, or

Tron-like body panels on their jerseys. To them, it seemed like there should be an alternative.

Soon they started TWIN SIX, a line of "alterative cycling apparel." Its mission was to create apparel inspired by fashion and graphic trends, and give people the ability to look their best, without looking like everyone else.

They spent the first year cranking out designs non-stop. They not only worked on the graphic layout of the jerseys, but also the fit, form and function as well. And the response was overwhelmingly positive.

Now, well they are in development of their second lineup and currently have over 180 shops around the country carrying their product.

In addition to TWIN SIX, Brother Carlson designed the logo and promotional materials used for the 2003 Grand Chapter Conclave in San Antonio. This work won national awards and appeared in *HOW* design magazine. Thanks to SigEp Ryan learned how to be a leader, work hard and of course, how to design a cool t-shirt.

For more information on Twin Six, please visit [www.twinsix.com](http://www.twinsix.com).

# Western Michigan Celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By JIM KARLING, '60

Over 80 alumni, along with spouses and guests, celebrated "50 Years at WMU," the theme for the "Blast From the Past III." The weekend of October 6-9, 2005, saw the founding SigEp Brothers, along with other alumni, travel from all over the country to Kalamazoo. They journeyed for only one reason—to celebrate together the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Beta Chapter at Western Michigan University.

For 2005, "Blast from the Past" co-chairmen **Jim Karling, '60**, and **Bill Morgan, '60**, wanted to reunite many of the Brothers who were instrumental in bringing the Fraternity to WMU. With the leadership of Founding Brothers **Bruce Monica, '57**, and **Bob Barrett, '57**, a special effort was made to draw together those Brothers who were in the Fraternity in the early 1950s through the chartering in 1955, and beyond. Nearly half of those attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration were from that era.

The anniversary festivities started on Thursday, October 6, with a golf outing organized by **Lee Philport, '59**, with the help of **Dave Whited, '62**, and **Chuck Lott, '62**, at Angels Crossing Golf Course in Vicksburg. For the other Brothers who were checking into the Clarion Hotel on Thursday, there were tours of the campus led by Brother **Fred Sitkins, '59**. In the evening, everyone had dinner and drinks at the Brew House in Vicksburg.

Friday events included visits to the campus, especially the bookstore; and



*Above: Over 80 Brothers gather for "Blast from the Past" celebration; Right: "Blast from the Past" Co-Chairmen. Pictured left to right are Bill and Marilyn Morgan, and Marge and Jim Karling.*

Miriam Hughes wife of **Dave Hughes, '61**, led a tour of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. The highlight of Friday's activities was the special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner banquet. Dr. Judith Bailey, University President, was our before-dinner speaker. After dinner, the Founding Brothers were honored, followed by presentations by Alumni Director Jamie Jeremy and Athletic Director Kathy Beauregard. Kathy just happens to be the daughter of the first president of Michigan Beta, **Don Button, '55**. The evening was capped off with Brother **Bill Vitale, '60**, leading the Brothers in singing traditional SigEp songs, including a serenade for all sweet-hearts.

Saturday afternoon a number of Brothers and spouses had lunch and toured the Gilmore Auto Museum, all of which had been arranged by **Larry Harding, '58**. Saturday evening started with a "tailgate party" at the Clarion



prior to the Bronco's football game. At Sunday morning's breakfast buffet, the goodbyes included promises of getting together again during the next "Blast from the Past." The overwhelming sentiment was that Blast from the Past IV should be in 2007. Any Michigan Beta alumni who would like to be added to the email or mailing list for Blast IV, please email Bill Morgan at [Bilnmarmor@aol.com](mailto:Bilnmarmor@aol.com) or Jim Karling at [jimkarling@aol.com](mailto:jimkarling@aol.com).

## Your Foundation Growing to Support Fraternity Needs

**T**he Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation was established in 1943 as the William L. Phillips Foundation in honor of the man who devoted his life to "play a greater part in the destinies of young men by adding to the efforts of home and alma mater."

To this day, your Foundation's sole purpose is to support the men of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. SigEp builds balanced leaders for the world's communities through scholarships and loans and programs that encourage and enable academic and extra-curricular excellence. True to SigEp principles and vows, members of our donor family promote the acquisition of the diploma and the pursuit of knowledge beyond academic walls.

Your Foundation's funding of scholarships, loans and Fraternity programs is at an all-time high, but the needs of America's largest fraternity are growing.

**What is the purpose of the Foundation in today's college environment?**



**Garry Kief, Foundation President:** Our purpose is to fund every worthy scholarship and leadership endeavor of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

To do so, SigEp must be a **partner in higher education**. The Fraternity's staff deals daily with today's students—The Millennials. These undergraduates expect structure and fast-paced programs that prepare them for success both in and out of the classroom. SigEp partners with undergraduates, alumni, parents and host institutions to create this structure and these programs.

College is an expensive investment for families. Universities are becoming job mills. The job market is more competitive for graduates. Great men don't join fraternities that merely offer a place to party. They are looking for value and advantage. The Foundation works with our donor family to offer financial resources to provide that value and advantage in our chapter homes, scholarships, loans and programs.

We are also good stewards of the investments made by our donor family. Bessemer Trust has done a fine job of investing our funds and returning proceeds that outpace other higher education endowments of a similar size.

**How is the Foundation responding to new and growing needs?**

**Garry Kief, Foundation President:** The Foundation works with the Fraternity and National Housing Corporation to **assist chapters in housing fund raising projects**, by developing alumni communication, newsletter and Web site services. Meeting the basic housing needs of our chapters is important in attracting members, and building residential learning communities is important in keeping them with environments that enable success.

Recently, we opened the door to **fund volunteer education** because we know that long-term success is driven by guidance and mentoring from alumni, faculty, parents and other community volunteers. We can draw a direct correlation between volunteer support and consistently successful chapters with a high GPA and strong leaders.

We are also **connecting alumni** to each other through Foundation communications and events.

Don Hudler is leading our networking and fund raising efforts as Vice President of Development, and Jay Hurt is forging a newly created role as Vice President of Grants to improve our connection with Fraternity needs. Don and Jay are adding volunteers to help with alumni networking, marketing, fund raising, and scholarship and

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— Don Hudler, Vice President of Development

grant review. And the Trustees are challenging new Foundation Executive Director Doug Scheibe to be creative and support the Fraternity's growing needs on a daily basis.

**What is planned for networking and fund raising?**

**Don Hudler, Vice President of Development:** We need to provide



additional relevance for the Fraternity in the lives of alumni. We will help them network and help them

understand SigEp today. The Fraternity is building men even better than it did when we were on campus.

Alumni will be able to network by chapter, area, giving level, profession and other areas of interest. And now, not only is the SigEp job network a reality on the Foundation's web site ([www.sigepfoundation.org](http://www.sigepfoundation.org)), but the site provides a web presence for every alumni corporation. Expanding our relevance helps expand the donor family, which helps us expand our support for our Brothers on campus.

Chapter housing campaigns remain a major priority, and it is also important for us to assist chapters in raising scholarship monies to attract and retain great men. Every chapter has at least one scholarship fund with the Foundation, and all gifts there are tax-deductible.

We are working with the Fraternity to bolster SigEp's case for support for programming. We will provide many opportunities for donors with needs to advance a legacy and improve the lives of our undergraduate and graduate student Brothers. This will result in a major campaign for programming. No fraternity does more with their resources, but we need to provide funding on a level that makes us the most valuable student organization of any kind on a college campus.



Left to right: NYU's Dan Paulus, AVC President; Sung Kang, National Competition Scholar; Steven Otterman, Chapter Counselor

With increased resources on the horizon, what does this mean for grants?

**Jay Hurt, Vice President of Grants:** More resources will help the Fraternity expand its successful programs and enable SigEp to continue to be a leader in the development of innovative new programs. It will also create more scholarships and expand our student loan program. More resources and the results from the programs in which donors invest will increase our reach as a valued partner in higher education.

#### Why was this position created?

**Jay Hurt, Vice President of Grants:** This role will raise the awareness of the Trustees regarding Fraternity needs and the grants that support them, and it will facilitate interaction between and among volunteers and staff. We are also creating new volunteer opportunities for the review and administration of scholarships and loans.

#### What is happening on the staff level to meet Fraternity needs?

**Doug Scheibe, Executive Director:** We have increased our staff to enhance our support for donors and alumni corporations. Scott Thompson brings six years of Fraternity staff experience to the role of assisting alumni corporations with their campaigns. This role also includes helping alumni communicate with their chapter Brothers and raising scholarship money—Scott's experience with *The Journal* will be valuable in this position. Assisting him with alumni communications will be Mindi Seidel-Adler who comes from a background in university program management and student development.

Susan Ilch will continue to coordinate our gifts and grants. Her experience of 22 years with SigEp is critical in providing continuity to donors, alumni corporations and internal operations. The addition of Laurie Ursiny's 19 years of administrative organization will improve our ability to provide information to alumni.

Shortly, we will add fund raising professionals to conduct a campaign and dramatically increase our support for SigEp programs, scholarships and loans.

**For more information or to make a contribution, go to [www.sigepfoundation.org](http://www.sigepfoundation.org).**

## What We Fund

### Scholarships

#### National Competition

#### Zollinger Scholars

#### Hicks Scholars

#### Specific Endowments

#### Chapter Scholarships

#### Scripps National Spelling Bee

### Loans

#### Yancey-Bradford-Voit Loan Program

### General Grants

#### Doud-Clayton Award

#### Honor of Philias

### Leadership Grants

#### The Leadership Continuum



#### EDGE

#### Carlson Leadership Academies

#### Conclave Leadership Program

#### Ruck Leadership Institute

#### Tragos Quest to Greece

#### Balanced Man Program

#### Residential Learning Communities

#### Resident Scholars

#### Faculty Fellows

#### Volunteer Education

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Determined by chapter alumni corporation

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Enable pursuit of a diploma/based on need

Reward and recognize Brothers helping Brothers; \$5,000 minimum top award within \$10,000 annually

Reward and recognize the embodiment of Brotherly Love; recipient eligible to apply for grant

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Effective and Affective chapter leadership reaching 2,000 officers and rising leaders each year.

Individual and chapter leadership education; 800+ undergraduate leaders in odd-numbered years

Teaching our best to influence those who will follow; 120 outstanding leaders annually

Self-evaluation from the birthplace of the Sound Mind and Sound Body ideal

Innovative development program that prepares men for success in college and in life through the development of a Sound Mind and a Sound Body; 75% of chapters

Chapter facilities that are the benchmark for student housing; chapter campaigns

Graduate student academic mentoring for chapters placed based on mutual needs; chapter endowments supplemented by overall grant

Professional academic guidance and resources placed based on mutual needs; chapter endowments supplemented by overall grant

Enable and support guidance for volunteer leaders; programs being developed

**T**he following is a listing of SigEps who have passed away in recent months. It is our chance to remember those Brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

Our lives contain opportunities to grow and better ourselves and those around us. As SigEps, we are called to make the most of these precious moments; for, once gone, their opportunities are beyond recall.

In the ceremony installing new officers, it says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things: I shall make you a ruler over many things."

## Alumni

**Walter B. Adams,**  
Iowa State '34

**Jack H. Adamson,**  
Auburn '44

**Darold D. Aldridge,**  
Missouri '54

**Warren M. Angell,**  
Syracuse '29

**Ken Ballard,**  
Middle Tennessee State '02

**Gregory E. Barnett,**  
East Texas State '85

**Robert L. Batz,**  
Missouri-Columbia '58

**Norman G. Beatty,**  
Nebraska '63

**Charles A. Bird,**  
Ohio Wesleyan '38

**Michel P. Bauer,**  
Clarion '88

**Thomas R. Benton, Jr.,**  
Richmond '41

**Glen D. Boggess,**  
New Mexico '69

**James E. Carrell,**  
Montana '57

**James G. Callan, Jr.,**  
California-Santa Barbara '66

**Matt Costa,**  
Tulane '03

**Ralph R. Craig, Jr.,**  
Davidson '58

**Thomas F. Critzer,**  
Cincinnati '62

**Marvin A. Cummings,**  
Missouri State '69

**Paul L. Curtis,**  
Florida State '50\*

**Malcolm Dade,**  
North Texas '57

**Herbert Darwin,**  
Texas '51

**Clarence J. Davis,**  
Oklahoma State '42

**James E. Denny,**  
Johns Hopkins '55

**Aaron J. Desmond,**  
Missouri State '98

**Charles Dietz, Jr.,**  
Johns Hopkins '37

**Thomas Dorrough, Sr.,**  
U. of Detroit '57

**Brian Dougherty,**  
Seton Hall '90

**Kenneth C. Eckert,**  
Ball State '53

**Laurence D. Elkington,**  
Southern California '73

**Glen Garvin,**  
Southern California '78

**Charles H. Gibson,**  
Nebraska '46

**F. Dean Gilbert,**  
Washburn '58

**William F. Gilles,**  
Baker '48

**Lawrence R. Greeley,**  
Toledo '55

**Saverio J. Grimaldi,**  
Maryland-College Park '51

**Rich Hause,**  
Northern Colorado '55

**Robert H. Hempe,**  
Washington-St. Louis '51

**Frederic R. Hillsley,**  
Cornell '41

**Edward G. Hoffman,**  
Syracuse '48

**John F. Hofmann,**  
California-Santa Barbara '70

**Loy Jones,**  
Baylor '75

**Andrew R. Knowles,**  
U. of Evansville '85

**Robert R. Kreipe,**  
North Texas '58

**Richard J. Krueger,**  
Lawrence '53

**Lane O. Larrison,**  
Ohio Wesleyan '63

**Brian D. Little,**  
Auburn '95

**Charles W. Lusk, Jr.,**  
Virginia '38

**Charlie A. Martindale,**  
Mississippi State '61

**Karl F. Meyer,**  
Valparaiso '59

**Robert A. Mick,**  
Florida State '70

**Paul D. Minear,**  
Carnegie Mellon '02

**William A. Morris,**  
Tampa '63

**James G. Mott,**  
California-Berkeley '59

**Russell D. Mott,**  
Iowa '47

**Richard E. Norvell,**  
Bowling Green '75

**Irby M. Park,**  
Mississippi '54

**J. David Parker,**  
Creighton '89

**Larry D. Parker,**  
Jacksonville '72

**Kenneth P. Patterson,**  
East Tennessee State '57

**Richard W. Pogge,**  
Nebraska '58

**Robert L. Pool,**  
Minnesota '50

**Sam Poole,**  
Thiel '69

**David L. Pyle,**  
Emporia State '54

**William A. Raney,**  
Mississippi State '42

**Raymond L. Ralston,**  
Temple '49

**Benjamin Ricci,**  
Massachusetts '41

**Joseph N. Roberts,**  
Illinois '51

**Thomas S. Rose,**  
San Diego State '84

**Jeffrey R. Roth,**  
Southern Illinois '82

**William J. Rouse,**  
Indiana State '56

**Gerald E. Rupp,**  
Iowa State '60

**Gustave A. Schmidt,**  
Rutgers '48

**Charles J. Stopp,**  
Muhlenberg '30

**Earl A. Strade,**  
Wisconsin '61

**Herb. D. Sunderman,**  
Kansas State '65

**Terry Lee Thomas,**  
Southern Mississippi '06

**Tyler Thompson,**  
Ohio Northern '00

**Edward J. Tylden,**  
Penn State '48

**Robert M. Trapp, Jr.,**  
Texas Tech '82

**Bill Tryon,**  
Texas '67

**Andrew VanArtsen,**  
Western Michigan '03

**Gordon P. Walsh,**  
Wake Forest '65

**Stan R. Wilgus,**  
Missouri State '74

**Leland A. Wilson,**  
Syracuse '26

**Thomas M. Zongker,**  
Oklahoma '70

\*Brother Curtis was a founding member of the Florida Epsilon Chapter at Florida State University.

## Undergraduates

**Matthew Barnes,**  
Louisiana-Monroe '07

**Cameron Roets,**  
Washington State '08

**Joshua Sword,**  
Nevada-Reno '08

**Erik White,**  
North Texas '09





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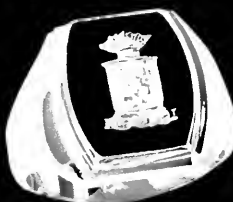
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# Wichita State Launches \$1 Million Campaign to Build New Chapter Home

**“W**e’re excited to continue to be at the forefront of the Greek system at Wichita State,” says **Denis Dieker, ’77**, Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) President. “We believe the construction of this facility will not only provide us an edge in bringing high caliber recruits to SigEp and WSU, but also allow us to offer all our members an environment conducive to academic success.”

With that statement, the AVC of the Kansas Eta Chapter at Wichita State, partnering with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation and the National Housing Corporation, launched its fund-raising drive to construct an 11,500 square foot new chapter facility.

With a budget of approximately \$1.5 million, construction is planned to commence when 50-60 percent of the total fund-raising goal of \$1 million is collected. A substantial number of commitments toward that goal have already been made. Each contribution is recognized as totally tax-deductible, as all donations will be used for construction and maintenance of educational space.

The unique design revolves around the underlying concepts of the Residential Learning Community, with space dedicated for libraries, a technology center, a lecture and meeting room, an office for a Faculty Fellow, and space to accommodate the many off-campus members. About two-thirds of the square footage is dedicated to educational purposes, with a 30 man live-in capacity. However, SigEp currently has 80 Brothers. The building is also configured to provide six-man, suite-style, living/learning units, each with its own bath facility.

The chapter continues to be a driving force in the Greek system and within SigEp. With four recent Buchanan Cups, rated as the Outstanding Fraternity on WSU campus for the last nine years, WSU Campus Scholarship Champions from 1999-2006, and back-to-back Student Government presidents and Interfraternity Council presidents, Brothers set the pace in many areas of life at WSU.

“The time line, and our goal, is to have the new facility completed by Spring, 2009, so we can have our 50th Anniversary celebration in this beautiful building,” says **Bruce Walton, ’62**, Honorary Campaign Co-Chairman. Originally chartered as Pi Alpha Pi in 1915 and merged into Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1959, the chapter has over 1,000 alumni members. Brother Walton is rallying the Founders of the chapter to the effort. “All the guys I’ve talked to are pretty excited about coming back



*Artist's rendering for 11,500 square foot chapter facility*

and seeing each other and the new place. It should be really fun.”

“To continue to build leaders for the future, we need to offer the very best atmosphere and accommodations,” states **Jeff Gates, ’89**, Campaign Co-Chairman and current SigEp District Governor. “The chapter has always been able to recruit the ‘best-of-the-best’ men, and will always do so. One of our jobs as alumni is to make sure we are providing first-class facilities. This new facility is very much first-class.”

“The success of SigEp is built on brotherhood. If each brother makes a fair contribution to the effort, we can and will get this building out of the ground soon,” says Brother Gates.

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